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Dear Colleagues

I wanted to share the exciting news that the Governing Body of Birch Hill Primary School in Bracknell have resolved to academise with a view to joining Maiden Erlegh Trust. Having engaged with the team at Birch Hill over the past few months I firmly believe that they will be a strong addition to our family of schools, adding real value to our Primary offer and kick-starting the development of our Primary Hub.

We will now be working very closely with the team at Birch Hill to undertake due diligence, submit the application to the DfE and engage with stakeholders with a view that they will formally join the Trust in the Autumn.

I will write to you again over the coming weeks as we proceed through the project and I look forward to hearing your views when we commence consultation after Easter.

Yours sincerely

**Jonathon Peck**  
Chief Executive Officer