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Dear parents/guardians,

It is easy to see why many view the summer term as the most enjoyable and important of the school year. Key year groups sharpen their focus towards statutory assessments, others prepare for transitions, and everyone enjoys more opportunities for social events from sports days to proms, and of course the prospect of a summer break.

It is also a great time for celebrating achievements over the last academic year and the major points of change in our futures. As part of this, we would like to give you an update on the agreed transition of New Chapter, Heronsgate and Kents Hill schools into Inspiring Futures through Learning MAT (IFtL).

As part of this transition, leaders and governors across MKET, IFtL and the schools continue to work with the Regional Director to navigate the legal processes and relevant approvals involved in the transfer and we anticipate this is on track to take place within the next academic year.

We would like to thank leaders, governors and staff for their time and engagement with these processes. IFtL report that it is a continued pleasure and privilege to be getting to know the schools more deeply as we go through these processes, having the opportunity to speak with everyone about shaping futures together and work together on expressing and understanding the positive impact of our aligned values for the futures of all our children and families.

Headteachers and others meet with IFtL regularly as part of an induction programme. In addition, staff from all schools have started to join IFtL CPD and networking opportunities, building key relationships with their peers across IFtL's existing family of 16 schools. This will continue throughout our transition process to ensure that when the legal changes take place, these are a formality that just cements our deepening existing relationships rather than being a starting point.

As we continue through our journey together, please do not hesitate to feedback any comments and / or ask any questions, at any time. Please feel free to direct these through your school's office email addresses:

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With very best wishes for a happy and successful summer term,



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