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Dear Parents

As I am sure you are aware, Northfleet Technology College is a Foundation School which operates under a Full Governing Body (FGB). Governors within this Governing Body are members of our community and support the school in developing excellent education for all our students.

The Full Governing Body and the Leadership Team of our school have been working with a number of other local schools to consider how best to plan for the long term future, in the light of changes happening in the public education service.

We want to ensure that we continue improving the service we offer to our students and we want to become part of a regional and national network of schools and partners that can help us to deliver that ambition.

To take this plan forward, Northfleet Technology College is proposing to transfer our Foundation category to formalise existing relationships with local schools. A group of local schools will join the co-operative education trust, which will be called the Northfleet Co-operative Learning Trust. This Trust currently serves Northfleet School for Girls and we are currently consulting to expand this to provide a strong local schools' partnership.

The purpose of transferring our Foundation category is to build on the already good collaborative relationships and work towards;

- Further improving the quality of learning and teaching across all schools
- Further Improving the wellbeing of our young people
- Build on the advantages of sharing resources and expertise
- Improve value for money in a time of real terms reduction in funding
- Support and develop current and future leaders

The schools who are considering working in partnership are Cecil Road Primary & Nursery School, Lawn Primary School, Northfleet School for Girls, Northfleet Technology College, Painters Ash Primary School, Shears Green Infant School and Shears Green Junior School. Northfleet Nursery are proposing to join the Trust as a partner, as current legislation does not allow nurseries to have foundation status.

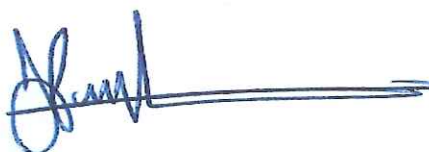
This does not mean our school is becoming an academy, through this plan we will remain part of the local authority, instead this letter describes our intention to work in a formal collaboration with other local schools. It is important to be aware that the governing body will continue to run the school, handle the school budget and be responsible for the performance of the school. There is no intention to change staffing arrangements. There will be no change to the legal status of our school.

We are very excited about this development as we believe it will enable us to enjoy the benefits of close collaboration, whilst retaining the individual identity and vision of Northfleet Technology College.

Details of the proposals are provided in the full *Proposal Consultation Information Pack* which can be downloaded from our website: www.ntc.kent.sch.uk.

If you have any questions or concerns please email office@ntc.kent.sch.uk and we will be happy to talk to you. In addition we are hosting a consultation event for schools looking to join the Trust on 8 March at 3.30pm, any parent or member of our community is welcome to join this event.

Yours Faithfully

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Mrs Jane Partridge
Headteacher