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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you of the progress on planning that we have been undertaking in order to bring Highbury Grove within the City of London Academies Trust, continuing the school improvement work which has already started.

The school will be known as the City of London Academy Highbury Grove from 1 September. We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed an extremely strong strategic team with extensive experience in leading the development of schools to Outstanding. The Chair of Governors will be Mark Boleat, an experienced Governor and highly influential Member of the City of London Corporation. The Executive Principal will be Clare Verga, who has led City of London Academy Islington to be the 15<sup>th</sup> best school for pupil progress in the country. The Head of School will be Aimee Lyall, who has already had a significant impact in stabilising and improving Highbury Grove in the short time she has been Acting Headteacher. This team will be supported by Mark Emmerson, CEO of the Trust, and the wider family of City schools.

We would like to invite you to a Parents' Meeting to hear more about our plans and meet Clare and Aimee. For parents of students due to join us in September, there will be a meeting on Tuesday 6 June at 6pm. For existing parents, there will be a meeting on Wednesday 7 June at 6pm.

This is an exciting time for the Trust and the school, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



**Maggie Elliott**  
Chair of Governors



**Mark Emmerson**  
Chief Executive Officer, City of London Academies Trust