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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted and excited to be able to write to you in the capacity of the Chief Executive Officer of Coast and Vale Learning Trust, succeeding Brian Crosby, following his recent retirement. I am also CEO of the Delta Academies Trust, a very high-performing family of schools, with a national reputation for educational excellence.

The Trustees of both organisations have agreed to work together in collaboration, with a view to improving educational outcomes in the Coast and Vale area and more widely across the region; an area which holds a special place in my heart.

I was Head Teacher at Scalby School between 2009 and 2010 and lived in Scarborough at that time. Over an 18-month period, the school went from 'special measures' directly to 'good'; almost doubling the academic results. It was a great privilege to be part of that journey and it is rewarding to see how the school has progressed.

I have visited each of the schools in Coast and Vale Learning Trust and am impressed by the commitment of staff, and local governors, to securing the very best for their pupils and students. I am pleased to report that experts and subject specialists from both Trusts have begun working together immediately in the run-up to SATs, GCSEs and A Levels, to support the pupils and students with upcoming examinations.

Along with Trust leaders, I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet parents over the coming weeks to share our thoughts and ideas on our collaboration going forward. We would also like to listen to your views and hear your aspirations for your child's future education. I understand that you may have questions and I am looking forward to meeting you.

I would also welcome the opportunity to tell you about Delta Academies Trust, and our vision for the future of education on the East Coast, which has a great synergy with that of Coast and Vale Trustees. It is an opportunity to build on, and accelerate, Coast and Vale Trust's aspirations for children by drawing on Delta's work, including as a Regional Science Hub, our involvement in Cyber North, our Duke of Edinburgh programme and our Lake District Youth Hostel. We also have strong links to the maritime industry through our Hull Trinity House Academy.

Over the coming weeks, I will be inviting you to meet me and other colleagues to listen to your ideas and aspirations.

Please look out for an invitation to attend a meeting at your child's school in the next few weeks.

Working together, both Trusts are committed to share our mutual strengths and capacity for the benefit of the pupils, students, staff, and the wider communities we are privileged to serve.

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