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All Parents/Carers of students at Ousedale School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family had a good break over the holidays and that term has got off to a good start. I am writing to update you on an exciting development for Ousedale.

As you know, Ousedale is a high-performing school that has an absolute belief that all children can – and will – succeed. Our results regularly place us amongst the highest performing schools both locally and nationally. Alongside this, excellent pastoral care is the norm for us at Ousedale, as are our extensive extra-curricular and enrichment programmes. We are a truly inclusive school where everyone matters.

With these strengths, we feel that the time is right for us to join forces with a like-minded academy trust, combining our resources to deliver an outstanding education for all our children. This move will also present an exciting opportunity for increased professional development for our fantastic team of staff who will have direct access to best practice right across the country and from all types of school, positively impacting both teaching and learning.

With this in mind, we wanted to make sure we were partnering with the right academy trust, and following an extensive period of due diligence by the governing body, I am very pleased to be sharing the news that Ousedale will be joining E-ACT by Sept 2024.

Some of you may know that E-ACT is responsible for 28 academies across the country, with over 18,000 pupils and 2,500 members of staff. This includes two local schools in Daventry, E-ACT Parker Academy and E-ACT DSVL Academy, and three schools in South Buckinghamshire, E-ACT Bourne End Academy, E-ACT Chalfont Valley Academy, and E-ACT Denham Green Academy. Joining E-ACT provides us with the opportunity to work together on a regional basis as well as nationally.

Without exception, all 28 E-ACT academies have been rated by Ofsted as good or outstanding for leadership and personal development. 97% are rated good or outstanding for behaviour and 93% are rated good or outstanding for quality of education.



I hope you agree that this is a very exciting development for all of us at Ousedale, giving us an opportunity to build on our significant successes to date whilst starting a new chapter within a larger academy trust that shares our vision and ethos.

You can find details about E-ACT at the following link <u>https://www.e-act.org.uk</u>. We shall look to hold an information evening for interested parents/carers in due course, but if you have any questions in the meantime, do please get in touch in the usual way.

Yours faithfully

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