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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

As you will all be aware, last week we launched a listening period regarding the possible future direction of the Pennine Alliance Learning Trust.

The response to the consultation has been significant, and we would like to thank you for the time that has been spent completing our feedback form. We will shortly be posting responses to some of the most frequently asked questions on the microsite.

However, we recognise the level of feeling that there is about this proposal – which is why we want to continue this conversation with you.

Next week, on Thursday 22nd January 2026 we would like to invite parents and carers to meetings to hear directly from ourselves about why this direction of travel has been proposed. We have also invited representatives from Trinity MAT to this meeting so you can hear from them, and we can collectively answer some of the questions you may wish to pose.

Given the level of interest, we do not think that we will be able to accommodate all parents at one meeting. We are also aware through the online feedback form that families of different year groups have some age specific questions and points they would like to address.

That is why we are trying to tailor the parent meetings for various parts of our Trust, and would like to invite:

- Parents of primary children to Burnley Road Academy at 4.30pm.
- Parents of Key Stage 3 (Years 7/8/9) children to Calder High School at 6.00pm.
- Parents of Key Stage 4 (Years 10/11) children to Calder High School at 7.15pm.

We expect quite a few people will want to attend, so please do all that you can to attend the relevant session. We also want to ensure that all parents and carers who want to attend are able, so ask that wider members of the community continue to direct questions via the microsite.

Thank you once again for all of your feedback so far.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Kathryn Loftus'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Kathryn Loftus

Chair of the Board of Trustees,

On behalf of Pennine Alliance Learning Trust