



**The Black
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Dear Parents, Carers and friends of Upper Arley,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Black Pear Trust. As a Trust, we have been asked by the Department for Education to sponsor Upper Arley CE First School and are consequently consulting with you on this matter. As you may be aware, all schools receiving a special measures judgement by Ofsted have to have a sponsor. We plan to convert Upper Arley CE Primary School to an academy run by The Black Pear Trust on April 1st 2021.

We know that since this judgement has been made, Mrs Tracie Langfield has been appointed as headteacher. Mrs Langfield along with the support of the governing body and the local authority, have made great strides to improve the leadership and management of the school. Together, they have put in measures to ensure a good standard of teaching and learning within the school.

As a trust our vision statement is

Growing Excellent Learning Communities Together

This statement reflects the vision of our belief that the education of a child involves all of us, parents, peers, school staff, governors, church and the community, working and learning together. We believe that we are all still learning, consequently our learning communities include good professional development for all our staff and governors, workshops for our parents and liaison with our local community including higher education.

We have close connections with Worcester University, Warwick University and University College Birmingham and our trust has a resident scientist provided by Warwick University who supports STEM within Worcestershire. The trust includes a National Support school which works closely with Worcestershire Children First and Worcestershire Teaching Alliance in providing School Improvement.

We like to work with and consult all our stakeholders. For more information on the work of the Trust, I invite you to browse our website on www.blackpeartrust.org

The Black Pear Trust is looking forward to working with Mrs Langfield to ensure that every child in Upper Arley CE First receives an excellent, all round learning experience in a safe and enjoyable environment.

In the meantime, we are liaising with the school, the Department for Education and the local authority to enable a smooth transition in April.

If you have any suggestions or comments you would like us to consider please do not hesitate to contact us by email on admin@blackpeartrust.org.

Yours faithfully

E Pritchard
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