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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to write to you to confirm that Parkside Middle School has been granted Associate Status and will now be working as though they are a full member of The Spire Church of England Learning Trust. We are working with the Local Authority and Department for Education to process the academisation, which can take longer due to the PFI element of the site.

As you may be aware, Aston Fields and Catshill First and Middle Schools are also in the process of joining the Trust. We are already working alongside the schools in a number of ways and are excited about the opportunities that this collaboration will bring for the children of Bromsgrove.

The Trust has three key words that sum up the vision and process by which we work:

***Collaborate Learn Achieve***

Through working in partnership, we can share good practice and learning from each other and thereby raise standards across the schools.

Parkside brings a wealth of experience and skills into the Trust and this collaboration is a very positive step forward for all.

Yours faithfully,



**Geraint Roberts**  
**Executive Headteacher and CEO**