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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I'm writing to share something we've been working on, and to ask for your thoughts.

As you know, The Compass Partnership of Schools and Eko Trust merged in April to become Compass Eko Trust. One of our first tasks as a new organisation is to be clear about who we are, what we stand for, and where we're heading. Over recent months we've been developing the strategy, vision and values that will guide our work across all 28 of our schools.

We wanted to build this with the people who know our schools best. So before writing anything, we listened - to headteachers and leaders, to staff, and to children across all 28 schools - about what they need from a trust and the kind of organisation they want to be part of. What we heard shaped our vision, our values and our three priorities: Belonging, Equity and Thriving.

Now we'd like to hear from you. The strategy is still in draft, and your views are an important part of shaping it before we finalise our plans.

A strategy for our schools isn't complete without the families and communities those schools serve. Enclosed is a short summary of our strategy, written for families. We'd be grateful if you could take a few minutes to read it and share your thoughts through this [survey](#).

Responses are anonymous. Our Trust leadership team will read all responses as we finalise our plans.

Thank you for taking the time, and for your continued support. If you have any questions about the survey or the strategy, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. T. H.', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line.

Rachel Harrison

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