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To Parents/Carers of Maiden Erlegh Trust Schools

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Dear Parent / Carer

You may be aware from recent press coverage that Reading Borough Council has identified a growing need for good secondary school places in future years and wishes to partner with a Trust to submit an application to build and run a new 900-place secondary school in North Reading.

In order to respond to this need, we are delighted to say that Maiden Erlegh Trust will be submitting an application to the DfE to open a new 11-16 secondary school, which we would plan to open in September 2021.

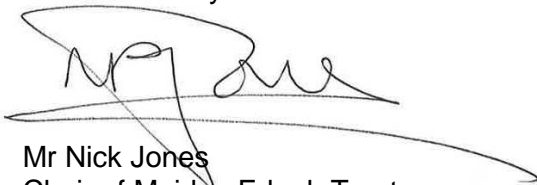
The Trustees are acutely aware of the responsibility we have for each child and each member of staff in every school in our organisation, and we take that very seriously. We have previously stated that we will only partner with schools we believe in, and only when we feel able to support them effectively, whilst maintaining and improving standards in existing schools. This was true also when considering whether to open a new school.

We are very proud of the expertise we have developed over recent years, both as a Trust but also through our Teaching School partnerships. Our experience of opening Maiden Erlegh School in Reading and partnering with Great Hollands Primary School and Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge, has been overwhelmingly positive for staff and students. We feel that the timeline for this project will allow us to develop this work further in a positive and measured way.

Our Trust motto is “**schools for the community, schools as a community**” and our aim is that every school in our Trust will embrace our values and ethos, as well as many of our ways of working. We recognise, however, that every school has to be different in order to meet the needs of families and young people in its community. This new school, like each of our schools, will therefore be firmly rooted in its own community, and will work to meet the needs and ambitions of its families and children in a bespoke way.

If you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of Maiden Erlegh Trust



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