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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to you with an important and exciting update regarding nearby Hunnyhill Primary School, which has begun the process of transferring to Ormiston Academies Trust.

We are delighted to confirm that the Department for Education (DfE) has issued an academy order for Hunnyhill Primary School, which means they have provisionally approved the transfer of the school to Ormiston.

As you may be aware, Cowes Enterprise College is already part of Ormiston Academies Trust, and Hunnyhill's decision to join the Trust represents a significant opportunity to strengthen collaboration between our two schools.

This is an incredibly exciting time for both Cowes Enterprise College and Hunnyhill, as we forged an even stronger partnership. We have already worked closely with staff at Hunnyhill and from the start, it has been clear that there is a strong alignment between Hunnyhill and Ormiston's vision and values, particularly in our commitment to providing the best learning opportunities for all our pupils.

In terms of logistics, Hunnyhill will have a slightly amended name, becoming Hunnyhill Ormiston Academy. This will allow the school to retain the name recognition and connection with its local community, while also reflecting the next stage in its journey as part of the Ormiston family. They will also soon adopt a new logo and signage in line with these changes.

Beyond this, any further change will be a gradual evolution. They will continue to have the same values, vision, and ethos. They will also continue to offer its rich and broad curriculum which encourages all children to maximise their full potential and thrive in their learning, particularly through their strong early years and special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) provision.

Whilst this will also not result in any logistical changes to CEC, it will open up a range of exciting new opportunities to further enhance our educational provision. Through this strengthened partnership, our school and staff will be able to share expertise, knowledge, and skills with colleagues at Hunnyhill and across the wider Trust. We are incredibly excited about the potential for closer collaboration and the benefits this will bring for our whole school community.

We expect Hunnyhill to join Ormiston in October 2025 and we will continue to share updates with you as the conversion process progresses. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions and thank you, as always, for your continued support – it is always appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Kitley
Principal
Cowes Enterprise College