

3rd February 2020



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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Over the past few months, the leadership team of Tanfield School has worked extensively with Eden Learning Trust (Eden) on plans to improve academic outcomes for Tanfield students. The work has proven to be a very encouraging experience for both Tanfield School and Eden.

Financially, the collaborative work has also had a significant impact and it will bring in hundreds of thousands of pounds for Tanfield, which will allow the school to buy in extra teachers and also extra resources for students.

In addition, the Eden -Tanfield collaboration has helped the school to find the funds to improve the buildings: to repaint the school, to replace the student and staff toilets, to build a pastoral hub and also to redesign and rebuild the reception area to improve access.

These are the first steps on a much larger project and by working together we have secured half a million pounds to accelerate the regeneration of the site. These funds will be used to replace worn out windows and to make much needed upgrades to the key areas, to make the school a warmer and more welcoming place for students and staff.

In September, in light of such positivity and success, the leaders at both Tanfield School and Eden Learning Trust made a request to the government to create a long term, formal partnership between the two organisations.

We are delighted to inform you that Eden Learning Trust have received approval from the Department for Education, confirming that the partnership can go ahead. Tanfield School will therefore convert to be a sponsored academy and join the Eden Multi – Academy Trust family of schools on the 1st of April 2020.

Eden Learning Trust and Tanfield School are very keen to work with parents and carers, to enhance the quality of education and also to listen to parents views on Tanfield School joining with other schools in a larger organisation. On **Monday the 10th February at 5.30pm** Mr Brennan CEO of Eden and Mr Clough our Headteacher will hold a meeting to discuss future plans for Tanfield School, within the Eden group of schools. We hope that you will be able to join us for this event, but if you do have any questions regarding this matter, these should be sent to the project email **Brightfutures@tanfieldschool.co.uk**

Kind Regards

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