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Hello

Parentkind is the UK's largest parent charity, working to support parents when working with schools. Since April, we have delivered our Parent-Friendly School services, supporting schools to deliver opportunities for parents to feel like partners in their child's education.

EKC Schools Trust set high ambitions and pioneered the pathway for 40 multi-academy trusts and 700 schools by quickly becoming a Standard Award-accredited trust. Their eagerness to be part of our mission and their engagement with us have demonstrated a keen awareness of your importance in delivering results for children.

The story gets better still.

We are proud and delighted to announce that the schools within the EKC Schools Trust have all achieved Silver Award – and are a Silver Award Parent-Friendly Trust - the first ever Trust in history to achieve this.

Your schools are pioneering a change that respects and appreciates parents' participation in their children's education. They clearly demonstrated that this practice was confident and shared, reaching a wide variety of parents. The average score for EKC Trust Schools is 75% against the most comprehensive framework nationally, against the achievement from other schools and trusts of 55 – 20% above the benchmark.

What has impressed us most is the depth of care each school shows for its community, and the desire to make life easier for you while offering aspiration and hope for your children's future. It has been an honour to hear the small ways the schools reach out to you, from phone calls at the end of the day if your child has had to be absent, to food banks, investment in homework solutions, and a friendly presence on the school gate.

We have interviewed all your schools and really dived deep into their commitment and values. EKC Schools Trust is unmistakably committed to its civic duty and is a pioneer in school leadership.

You, too, are part of this achievement as parents, because you have been open to engaging – thank you. Keep powering the partnership with your schools to deliver a difference for your child.

We are looking forward to continuing the journey to the Gold Award with every school.

Yours faithfully,



Cailean Carvalho

Head of Schools