



## Lady Lumley's School

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### Statement from the Lady Lumley's School regarding the School Logo

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a joint letter to all families of Lady Lumley's School from the Chair of the Local Governing Committee (LGC), Heather Yeabsley and the Headteacher, Clair Foden, regarding the issue relating to the school logo.

As many of you will know, Lady Lumley's became part of Coast and Vale Learning Trust in 2021 following an 'Inadequate' OFSTED Inspection' in 2019. Multi Academy Trusts have legal right to change the uniform, the name of the school and remove specific school traditions. Coast and Vale were aware of the history of Lady Lumley's School and felt this should be respected. They made the decision not to alter the name or to make any immediate changes to the uniform. They also kept the existing House names which had links to the history of the school.

The Trust did feel that the school logo would benefit from a change, to modernise it and make it more suitable for digital reproduction. It should be noted that these changes ensured that all key components of the old logo were kept, including the shape, and the school motto.

There has been a protracted campaign by some members of the local community to reinstate the logo. Following the adoption of the new logo, the school did not receive any complaints from the school community, students, staff, or current parents. During the first 18-months, only one individual, not directly associated with the school raised a complaint to the Trust. The Trust Board asked the LGC to vote on whether to keep or revert to the old logo. The LGC duly made their recommendations which were accepted by the Trust Board, that the design of the logo introduced in 2021 should be retained.

The logo design itself has no impact on strategic direction or standards of education within the school. Furthermore, it would be inappropriate given the current economic climate to divert resources from the education of students to changing signage around school, etc. Although the logo has been modernised it clearly maintains a strong link to the previous one.

Finally, the LGC would like to make it clear that a good deal of time and effort has been consumed in dealing with this one matter. We now ask that this matter is at an end, and that we can be allowed to put our efforts into more productive ways of carrying out our governance role.

A school is so much more than a badge, and we believe that it is far more effective to focus on the overall strategic direction and quality of learning at Lady Lumley's School. The LGC have put forward robust proposals to ensure that the history of the school continues to be celebrated and remains prominent, and we will continue to hold the school to account through effective governance.

We would be grateful if members of the community would consider carefully before posting comments on social media, as this causes unnecessary upset and distraction from the smooth running of our primary objective, which is educating students.

We look forward to continuing to support and celebrate the hard work and achievements that take place at Lady Lumley's School.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Local Governing Committee

Clair Foden  
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