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Pestalozzi International Village Trust and Pestalozzi World Children's Trust

Pestalozzi International Village Trust (PIVT) and Pestalozzi World Children's Trust (PWCT) are delighted to announce that they are working towards a co-operation agreement that is likely to see a merger of the two organisations under the banner of 'Pestalozzi International'.

PIVT provides scholarships to high-achieving low-income students from some of the world's poorest communities enabling them to complete their secondary education in the UK whilst the PWCT network sponsors the education of underprivileged young people (including refugees from Tibet and Africa) in India, Nepal, Thailand and Zambia. PIVT and PWCT share a common history and both aim to continue the work of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, the eighteenth century Swiss educationalist, humanitarian and reformer. A merger will result in a combined Trust that is more financially resilient and better able to advance the education of underprivileged children across the world.

The PIVT Board had already determined to change its operating model with the current intake of first year students the last to be resident in the Pestalozzi Village in Sedlescombe. As part of the change the PIVT Executive Team is managing a controlled sale of the estate assets, i.e. the land and buildings, to help finance the remaining 14 months of operations on the site. PWCT is pleased to confirm that they will be supporting PIVT financially through this period of transition to enable every student resident in the Pestalozzi Village to complete their education. As the sale of the estate's assets is likely to take some time, PWCT assistance will initially focus on some of PIVT's more immediate costs, particularly those associated with the student's schooling and pastoral care. PIVT will also be continuing to raise funds through its current programmes, in line with its charitable objectives.

The Trustees of both organisations are clear that the students and alumni will always remain at the heart of what Pestalozzi does and are looking forward to working together to reach more children and young adults from the most disadvantaged parts of the world than ever before.

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