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5th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Redhill Primary School – Proposed conversion to an Academy

This is a time of significant change within education. We consider it vital that we retain full control over the future direction of our school. The Governing Body believes that the best way to ensure that we are able to do this is to become an Academy and I can confirm that we have submitted a formal application to the DfE to convert to academy status.

As an Academy, we would have the flexibility to shape the future of our school to best fit the needs of our pupils, staff and parents. The Governing Body have given careful consideration to all options open to the school and have also decided to explore the possibility of joining the **Thomas Telford Multi Academy Trust**. The ethos of this Trust is one that matches our own and the proven track record of schools in the Trust is undoubtedly driven by the fact that they want the best for all children, just as we do. If we were to join the Thomas Telford Multi Academy Trust, we would maintain our name and enjoy considerable autonomy whilst benefitting from collaboration within the Trust.

By joining the Trust we would continue to forge our own school strategies and ideals whilst being able to benefit from the expertise within the Trust, sharing the practices that make them Good and Outstanding schools. We could also benefit from the cost savings of centralised services that would in turn allow us to ensure that our budget is spent on supporting our children to given them the best possible opportunities.

The proposal is to convert to academy status and join the Thomas Telford Multi Academy Trust from 1st July 2018. An important part of the proposal is communicating with parents, staff and the community to inform you of the proposal and to receive your comments and questions, which will feed into the consultation process. As part of the process, a public meeting will be arranged to enable parents, staff and members of the wider community to ask any questions they may have and the date for this will be confirmed in due course. Further information will be available for you to consider on the school website from Wednesday 10th January 2018, including timescales for consultation, further information about the Trust and Academy conversion and frequently asked questions.

At this point, however, we would welcome any initial feedback you may have, as this is important to us. A proforma is attached hereto and I would invite you to complete this if you wish. Please return it to the school office or alternatively, representation can be made in writing to Mrs Lamb, Headteacher or via email to redhillparents.enquiries@taw.org.uk.

The Governing Body will consider all responses before making a final decision on the aforementioned proposal and provide updates, where appropriate.

Kind Regards,

Beth Tutchener-Ellis
Chair of Governors

Claire Lamb
Headteacher

“Reaching for new heights, together”



Response Document – Parents [Staff]

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Same form for formal “consultation” to the following groups:

- Local Primary and Secondary Schools in Telford and Wrekin
- Local Pre-schools and nurseries in Telford and Wrekin
- Telford and Wrekin Admissions Team
- Telford and Wrekin Admissions Forum
- Shropshire and Staffordshire Local Authorities
- Local and Regional Libraries
- Mayor of Telford
- Head of Telford and Wrekin's Children's Services
- Public Notice in Shropshire Star and Telford Journal
- Pupils
- Staff and their trade union representatives
- Local councillors
- Any other interested parties

Views/Comments:

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Questions for the Governing Body to consider and respond to:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete