

Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School



Monday 7th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Towards the end of the autumn term Beaford Community Primary and Nursery School and TEAM Multi-Academy Trust, created a partnership arrangement. The purpose of this arrangement was to support the development of our school and link us to a wider learning community that has a similar ethos to our own. To date this has been very successful and we are now looking to further formalise this link by applying to become a full member of the Trust.

In November we formally applied to the Department of Education to commence the process and I am delighted to inform you that the Regional Schools Commissioner on the 18th February 2022 wrote to the governors to inform us that she has agreed in principle to the school becoming an academy. This now means that we can work our way through a number of steps that include consulting with our parents, staff and local learning community on their views regarding the conversion.

As part of the consultation process with our parent community the governors of Beaford Community Primary and Nursery School will be arranging the following:

* Open meeting at the school on Monday 4th April at 5.30pm.

The meeting will follow a similar structure to the one completed during the Autumn term. Representatives from TEAM MAT will attend and provide information regarding the trust and to update you on work completed to date. Time will be taken to share ideas about the future. Representatives from the school and the governing body will also attend.

* An e-mail link, available immediately, where parent can express their views and ask questions:

- consultation@team-mat.org.uk

These questions will then be taken forward to the consultation meeting. Following the meeting a copy of all questions raised, together with the response, will be shared with all stakeholders

* A consultation document that is enclosed with this letter.



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We anticipate the decision from the Department of Education will be confirmed on the 1st June 2022. Alongside, we aim to complete the consultation process by 6th April 2022. Once all this is in place the governors will make the final decision.

Please refer to the enclosed document to find out the details of our possible conversion and future membership of TEAM Multi-Academy Trust.

This is a very important time for our school and any decision we make must have our children at the centre of our thinking. Your contribution to this consultation will be important and much appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with you in the weeks ahead.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matthew Millichope'.

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Chair of Governors
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