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To Parents and Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

Emerson Park Academy - Consultation to Join Brentwood Academies Trust

You may well be aware that the Government is actively encouraging academies to come together and consider joining up as Multi Academy Trusts.

After careful consideration, Emerson Park Academy's Governing Body has decided that they wish to explore joining up with a Multi Academy Trust called Brentwood Academies Trust (which is already comprised of St Martin's School, Larchwood Primary School and Chase High School).

We are writing to consult with staff, parents, local community partners and we would like to invite your views on the matter.

What is a Multi Academy?

In a Multi Academy Trust, a single trust is responsible for a number of Academies.

The Academies themselves will continue to be publicly funded state schools that are independent of the Local Authority and receive funding directly from Central Government, as the Academy is now.

Why is this being considered?

Gaining Multi Academy status would enable the Academy to build on existing partnerships, work collaboratively with other Academies as part of a Multi Academy Trust to share best practice and support one another to improve attainment.

As a Multi Academy Trust, there will be greater opportunities for working both together and with the wider community of schools.

What are the advantages of Multi Academy status?

The Government is clear that the greater freedoms enjoyed by Academies are designed to allow schools to develop and to build on individual strengths in response to the needs of the community.



In addition to this, we believe that the formal partnership with Brentwood Academies Trust will have a number of benefits for the Academy. This includes a more targeted approach to the long term future of the Academies, pooling of resources which will improve teaching and management practice within the schools, economic benefits such as centralised services as well as a greater management of finances to focus funds where they are most needed for the benefit of children attending the Academies.

We feel that the additional freedoms and flexibilities of the Multi Academy Trust model would enable the Governors to better secure the long term future of our Academy.

Will any changes to the Academy be made as a result of partnering together?

We do not intend to make any changes.

Please be assured that the ethos and values of the Academy would remain unchanged.


How to take part in the consultation process

At this stage we are consulting with everyone associated with our Academy.

We would ask that you let us have your views by emailing info@emersonparkacademy.org by Friday 11th November 2016.

The consultation will close on Friday 25th November 2016.

Yours sincerely,



John Luff
Chair of Governors