

Wednesday 29th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Informal Consultation on being part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) with the STEP group of schools

Earlier this week the STEP group of schools communicated further information to parents about their proposed MAT. The proposal is not yet fully completed but the intention of the communication was to enable parents and carers in the schools to give feedback and make suggestions on work so far.

It is the aspiration of the group to create a bespoke model that serves our community, that supports and protects our schools and delivers the highest standard of education for our children. They have made available to staff, parents and communities a detailed draft of the discussions to date.

The key features of the proposed MAT are:

- Sustained autonomy of our excellent schools including individual governing bodies retaining existing stakeholder involvement
- Stakeholder involvement in the MAT structure through the creation of a parent, staff and student forum with an elected representative on the member board
- An unpaid trustee board that includes 2 protected places for parents and 2 protected places for staff drawn primarily from existing governors
- A senior executive leader (SEL) drawn from current schools who will also continue in their individual Head Teacher role and receive a small additional payment

We are continuing with our informal consultation and have worked with the other schools on devising the MAT model. We are keen to gather your views on what features of a MAT would best meet the needs of our community if we decide to move further along the process.

Please read the document for further detailed information about our proposed vision, mission and structure on our website wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk. If you would like a paper copy please call in at the school office. We would also welcome your responses to the attached questionnaire. Governors will consider responses to this questionnaire along with the other information gathered through informal consultation when they make a decision about whether to move to formal consultation. Please return completed questionnaires to school by Monday 24th April 2017.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher