

'Growing and Learning Together'

through our values of

Responsibility, Respect, Friendship,
Honesty, Determination and Pride.



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HEADTEACHER: Ms L Young

Monday 8th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and stakeholders,

The Governing Body and School Leaders of Oakdene Primary School are determined to ensure that we are a school that is constantly improving in order to provide the best possible start in life to all children who attend. Our priority is to enable the school to provide an outstanding education for our children while protecting the school's role at the heart of our community and retaining its unique qualities and strengths.

After a sustained period of research and careful consideration, the Governing Body believes the best way of achieving our goal of further improving standards in the future, while maintaining our school's ethos, philosophy and place within the community, is by seeking Academy status through joining a local well-established Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), The Wade Deacon Trust.

We feel very confident about the decision as this will be both a positive for Oakdene Primary School as well as the Wade Deacon Trust. Our school would continue to retain its own identity and much of its independence while benefiting from being part of the Trust and will also continue to foster positive working relationships with the Local Authority.

We do acknowledge the valuable role the Local Authority will continue to provide but we recognise that its role in supporting schools has changed with the Government policy to encourage schools to become Academies.

We have spoken with the office for the DfE Regional Director Northwest regarding the decision of the Governing Body to consult on joining the Wade Deacon Trust. This consultation is open to all, including our school's parents, pupils, staff and the wider community. The consultation period will start on Monday 8th January 2024 and end at 3.00pm on Monday 5th February 2024.

We know you may have some questions to ask about the positives and benefits of this collaboration as well as the process of joining the Trust. Alongside this letter, we have provided some information regarding frequently asked questions which we hope will be helpful to you. We would ask that you read the information and then if you have any further questions, please send them into the school office.

Furthermore, there will also be the opportunity for parents and members of the community to meet with the Head teacher, Governors and Trust Staff to find out more about the conversion process. Dates and times are shown below:

Monday 29th January at 9.15am

Tuesday 30th January at 5.30pm

Responses to this consultation must be emailed to:
oakdene@sthelens.org.uk
(Please place "conversion" in the subject heading)

or posted to:

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This choice is a hugely positive step for us and will ensure that Oakdene Primary will continue to improve and provide the highest quality of education for all our pupils. We are looking forward to this next step in our school's journey.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Paul Forester

Chair of Governors