

Monday, 30th April 2018

Dear Parents,

PROPOSAL TO CONVERT TO ACADEMY STATUS AND JOIN EQUALS TRUST

The Governing Body of Brookside Primary School has been carefully considering the future strategy for our school while taking into account current Government policy on education and the running of schools.

We are very proud of how well our school is performing in terms of pupil well-being and achievement. However, in an increasingly challenging educational landscape we recognise that maintaining and improving school performance needs the continuation of a robust and sustainable plan and partnerships with similarly minded schools.

With this in mind, the governing body has been exploring the option of converting to academy status and joining a local multi-academy trust (MAT).

The proposed plan

The proposal is to convert to academy status and join Equals Trust. Our school has already experienced the benefit of working with schools in Equals Trust, for example, when devising its computing curriculum and introducing the most up-to-date ipad apps and coding technology to our pupils. We are confident that by joining Equals Trust, Brookside would continue to flourish and benefit from greater collaboration and joint working with the other member schools.

The other schools in Equals Trust are:

- Burton Joyce Primary School
- Crossdale Drive Primary School
- Keyworth Primary and Nursery School
- Tollerton Primary School
- Flintham Primary School (joining the trust on July 1st 2018).
- Cropwell Bishop Primary School
- Heymann Primary and Nursery School
- Robert Miles Junior School
- Willow Farm Primary School

The proposal is for our school to convert to academy status and join Equals Trust on November 1st, 2018. We have set out in more detail the plan, benefits, vision and management in the attached document.

Consultation on the proposed plan

The governors of Brookside wish to consult with parents, carers, staff, students and the wider school community on the proposal. The consultation will run from Monday, April 30th until Friday, May 25th.

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend a meeting at the school on Thursday, May 10th at 6.00pm.

Gary Kenny (Head Teacher) and governors will make a brief presentation and you will also hear from members of Equals Trust. You will then have the chance to ask questions. After the meeting, we will distribute questionnaires to all parents and carers to understand your views before making a final decision in June 2018.

We look forward to seeing you on May 10th.

Yours sincerely,

Reesha Armstead (Chair of Governors)

Gary Kenny (Head Teacher)