



High School

## Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School

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5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer or Stakeholder

### **Stakeholder Consultation – conversion to academy status as part of a multi-academy trust (MAT)**

At Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School, we are very proud of the achievements of our students and the growing success of our school year on year. The Department for Education is now keen for schools to become academies and recent statements have indicated that schools should work more formally together in “Multi Academy Trusts”. It is important that we are proactive in responding to this agenda and we write to consult with you about our plans.

We have been looking at academisation for a number of years but have always maintained that we would only move to become an academy when we thought it was the right thing to do for the school. The senior leaders of the school and governors have investigated over a period time the various options that could be considered. These have included considering becoming a single ‘standalone’ academy, joining another already established Multi Academy Trust or developing our own Multi Academy Trust.

At the governors meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March, the governing body passed a resolution in favour of joining the Windsor Academy Trust, which is based in Halesowen. Their website can be found at <https://www.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/>

### **Why are we considering joining a Multi-Academy Trust?**

The driving factor throughout the process has been to ensure that the school continues to be successful, continually improving and is able to maintain its own identity and ethos. We were looking to secure strong and established support for school improvement with a commitment and ability to deliver outstanding staff development. Additionally, a Trust that we would want to be part of should offer support, development and challenge in order to provide outstanding provision and outcomes for all of its young people. We believe the Windsor Academy Trust offers this.

The Windsor Academy Trust has a proven track record of working as a family of highly successful schools that have improved the outcomes for children, has sound finances & back office support and can provide exceptional professional development opportunities for all staff. With the gradual reduced capacity of the Local Authority, we want to secure a strong partnership that will protect and grow the school as we go forward. By joining a well-established and successful MAT we believe that we will benefit while also being able to be part of the shaping of the Trust as it develops.



As part of our consultation, we are very keen to hear your views. The period of consultation will open on:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 4.00pm and closes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 at 4.00pm

We do encourage you to present your support, views, questions and concerns. All submissions received by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 will be considered at a meeting of the full Governing Body on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

Please submit your views either:

By email to [AcademyMATconsultation@cheslynhay-high.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:AcademyMATconsultation@cheslynhay-high.staffs.sch.uk)

In writing to 'Academy MAT Consultation', Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School. Saredon Road, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall WS6 7JQ

At our Stakeholder/Parent Information Day on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 sessions at 2.15 – 3.00pm; 4.15 – 5.00pm and 6.30 – 7.15pm.

By appointment with myself Ms N Crookshank, Headteacher at school

### **What happens next?**

From Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018, there will be more information available on the school website including a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and you are encouraged to send your questions, concerns and opinions via any of the methods detailed above. We will publish your views and responses as appropriate, on our website and the full governing body will consider all responses before we reach our final decision. The deadline for support, views, questions and concerns is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.

During the consultation period and beyond, the Governing Body will continue to discuss and agree further details with the Windsor Academy Trust.

Following consultation, the Governing Body will meet, to consider all of the information and agree the way forward. Should the decision be to continue, the formal academy conversion is likely to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

I do encourage you to take part in the consultation and look forward to seeing you at the information evening.

Yours sincerely



Ms N F Crookshank  
Headteacher