

Proposed Plan to take the school to become an Academy

5th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all.

Further to my letter regarding our proposed plan to take the school to become an Academy, I write to you

today to give you an update on the current position.

Following our consultation with parents, staff and other stakeholders we formally approached the

Department of Education (DfE) and Chelmsford Diocese to seek their approval for our plan. After reviewing

our proposal and answering their many questions both gave their approval and encouraged us to make a

formal application.

We and six other schools have completed our application for submission to the DfE and I am pleased to

advise they have agreed in principle to allow us to convert and have issued us with our 'Academy Order'

which allows the transition of control to move from the Local Authority across to the Trust of which we will

be a part. Our Multi Academy Trust (MAT) will be called Epping Forest Schools Partnership Trust and will

contain the following schools in the first phase:

Alderton Junior School High Beech School Ivy Chimneys Primary School

Lambourne Primary School St John's CofE Primary School The White Bridge Primary School

Our target date for conversion is 1st April 2018. The schools in the second phase will start their applications

in June/July.

During the next months we and the other schools will be working with the DfE and their conversion team to

ensure all aspects of the move are completed as smoothly as possible.

This is an exciting time for our school and a change which I, the Governing Body and all the staff feel is the

best decision for our school and for its future in our community.

I will keep you updated on developments but as always feel free to contact me via the Office or by email at

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Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors