

Tuesday 20th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you that the Governors/Directors of our five local schools (Boswells Academy, The Tyrrells Primary School, Barnes Farm Infant and Junior Schools and Perryfields Infants) have commenced discussions about how to work more closely and formally together as part of a multi-academy trust (MAT). This close local learning partnership has originated from a wider group of local schools who have been successfully working together for the past ten years to advance the shared interests of our own pupils and children from Springfield and Chelmer Village.

Together, we wish to achieve the following aims:

- *Inspire curiosity and a lifelong love of learning*
- *Develop teaching that is good and aspires to be outstanding*
- *Build capacity for further school improvement*
- *Enable every school to be good and aspire to be outstanding*
- *Obtain best value through economies of scale*
- *Develop a shared level of accountability for the achievements and well-being of children*
- *Retain the distinct ethos and character of each school*

The Governing Bodies of each of the five founding schools met on 22nd May and have agreed to continue undertaking a 'due diligence' process so that the precise nature of this more formal relationship can be determined.

We expect this initial stage to be completed by mid-July at which point we will write to you again. If all Governing Bodies proceed through this stage, there will then be full consultation with staff and parents on the agreed proposals in Autumn 2017.

Regards,



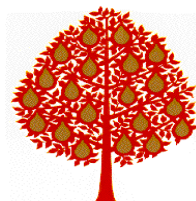
Barnes Farm Infants



Barnes Farm Juniors



Boswells Academy



Perryfields Infants



The Tyrrells Primary School