

Joydens Wood Junior School



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Dear Mums, Dads & Carers

RE: Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) status

We are pleased to announce that the Regional Schools Commissioner for South-East England and South London has approved this school as a lead of a multi-academy trust. This is due to our excellent year-on-year attainment and the good outcome in last year's Ofsted inspection.

As we were already a stand-alone academy the conversion was a simpler process compared to when the school moved from a LA school to an academy. The MAT we are now developing is known as Ignite Multi-Academy Trust. Joydens Wood Juniors will be the flagship school for the MAT. We appreciate some of you may have concerns about the impact this will have on Joydens Wood Junior, especially with the current high profile of academisation in the media. As far as the children here are concerned they will experience very little, (if any), difference on a day to day basis, although there may be a little more money to spend on resources. Given that we were already an academy there will be very little difference in our day to day management and running of the school.

The decision to become a MAT was approved by the full governing body after lengthy consideration. We can assure you that every Multi Academy Trust we have met with have shown that progress within the lead (flagship) school continues to improve, (sometimes at a faster rate than the other schools within the MAT). We are aiming for this school to be Outstanding by the time Ofsted return in the near future and we expect that with the collaborative work we undertake with other schools we will be able to achieve this goal.

Our firm belief is that all children should have access to a high standard of education and attend schools that care for the children and their families. This is something we feel we do well here at Joydens Wood Junior. As such, we look forward to sharing our excellent practices with other schools and ensuring that other children have the same opportunities that our children do.

If you have any comments or questions about the Multi Academy Trust status please do not hesitate to speak with Mrs Chiverton, Mr Redford or the Chair of the Governing body. We will keep you posted with any significant changes, but for now it is business as usual.

With kind regards,

Ms Sharon Allsop-Kenney
Chair of Governors

Mrs Jenny Chiverton
Headteacher

