



Kents Hill Junior School
Academy Status

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Dear Parents and Carers of Kents Hill Junior School,

Re: Public Consultation for the Conversion of Kents Hill Junior School into a Sponsor Multi-Academy Trust.

I wrote to you before half term informing you of changes to the leadership structure at Kents Hill Junior School in light of our proposed change in status to become a Sponsor Multi-Academy Trust. This would make us the lead school in a Trust of several academies who would all support and improve each other. The only *other* academy joining the Trust at the moment is Lubbins Park Community Primary School on Canvey Island with more certain to join in the future.

The level of accountability and various responsibilities of the Multi-Academy Trust is similar to that of a small Local Authority. Strategic leadership is given by a Board of Directors who between them have the educational, business and financial experience to drive school improvement. As the only paid professional on the Board I will act as Executive Head teacher working closely with each Head of Academy to ensure all children receive the best possible provision. The Governing Body of each Academy continues to undertake the important monitoring tasks related to achievement, teaching, learning and behaviour.

Here is a link to the guidance from the Department for Education on Multi Academy Trusts.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/458632/governance-in-multi-academy-trusts_Sept2015.pdf

The Trust is going to be called *The Star Multi-Academy Trust*. It has overriding values which are fundamentally aimed at ensuring every pupil receives an outstanding education. It is important to consider that *there are no planned changes to the ethos, uniform, organisation or curriculum at Kents Hill Junior School.*

The Directors of the Trust are keen to gather your views on the proposed trust over the next 4 weeks. Please can you email these to;

FAO The Star-MAT Board of Directors

To: sbm@kentshill-jun.essex.sch.uk

or leave a note or letter with the school office addressed to the Board as above.

To ensure that your children continue to receive the best possible education we made some key appointments at the school before half term. You are aware that Miss Nash is the new Head of Academy at Kents Hill Junior School. She now leads the school on a day to day basis and ensures that teaching, learning, behaviour and achievement continue to improve.

I am also pleased to announce that we have a new Assistant Head of Academy, Miss Parkes who will deputise for Miss Nash in her absence. In addition to this, Miss Watts will become our new Inclusion Manager in September and will be using her wealth of knowledge and experience to manage and organise the SEN *and* pastoral provision. Finally, we will have 2 newly appointed Heads of Year for next year, Miss Cross (Year 4) and Miss Wynne (Year 6) who will join Miss Hovey (Year 3) and Miss Thurkettle (Year 5). We will send out a letter with specific details of your child's class teacher soon.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Michael Thomas
Executive Head teacher/ Director
The Star Multi-Academy Trust



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