



6 January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Consultation to become a Multi-Mixed Academy Trust

In 2014 we consulted with stakeholders within our community to become a Foundation Learning Trust. This partnership has gone very well and we would now like to consult with you once again to make this a more formal arrangement by converting to a Multi-Mixed Academy Trust.

I am doing this because the other schools in our area – Benfield School, Tyneview Primary School, Walkergate Primary School, and Central Walker Primary School are all consulting parents with regards to becoming a Mixed Multi Academy Trust. When we became a Foundation Trust schools we were able to apply for Charitable Status and so were able to apply for additional charity grant funding, begin to work together regarding school terms times, admissions, as well as other collaborative working. We will be able to continue strengthening our partnership and we will be able to receive additional grants from the Education Funding Agency to support the children's learning and our schools in Newcastle East.

Due to the changes in the Government Legislation they would like all schools to become Academies within the next 5 years. As all schools have recently had OfSTED inspections and have all been identified as Good Schools we feel we are in a strong position to make this change now as it is in the best interest of the children that we drive our own destiny and vision forward by making this arrangement more formal.

We have attached a brochure for you to read and find out more information about a Multi-Mixed Academy Trust, but we will also be holding meetings for you to have the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. The meetings will be held between 1.30 and 5 p.m. on 11th January and 18th January 2016 in school. Please ring the Main Office to make an appointment with Mrs Draper.

This change would not affect our teaching, clubs and trips/ provision for pupils however it should help us fund more of these in the future. I hope that you can support this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Draper

Mrs N Draper
Head Teacher