

- "The Governing Body of Wingrove Primary School met on 20th October 2014 to consider the responses and discuss the issues involved. The Governors then unanimously approved the following resolution (minute point 4):

‘That Wingrove Primary School changes category from a Community School to a Foundation School and acquires Trust Status as a member of the proposed West End Schools’ Trust in partnership with Bridgewater Primary, Broadwood Primary, Canning Street Primary, St John’s Primary, Hawthorn Primary, St Paul’s Primary School and partner members (Newcastle Local Authority and additional partners to be decided at a later date). The change of category is to take effect on 1 February 2015.’

There were a number of the reasons for this decision. In particular; Governors believed that the change of category and the acquisition of Trust Status in partnership with the other named schools and partners will enable Wingrove Primary School to:

- Further enhance the educational experiences for every child in our care, therefore raising standards in all areas;
- Raise children’s aspirations by working alongside our partners and the local community;
- Share best practice across our schools, increase leadership capacity and continuing professional development opportunities, to ensure our children are provided with the highest quality educational experiences;
- Strengthen and enhance the already effective relationships with parents, carers, partners and the wider community;
- Retain and further promote the unique identities of our individual schools, providing our children, staff and parents and carers with a secure identity and sense of belonging;
- Provide a strong local voice in response to national changes, making sure the impact on our children is always at the forefront of our beliefs;
- Formalise the current partnership to protect and promote collaborative working to improve the quality of teaching and learning;
- Seek opportunities for additional funding streams and financial efficiencies;
- Provide our partners with the opportunity to become part of our school and local communities and to inspire a future workforce and generation;
- Provide further opportunities for our local communities to flourish and ensure our children grow up to be active members of society;
- Ensure every member of the Trust Board and governing bodies have a clear vision, drive and enthusiasm for positive change.

The Governors, at the same meeting, went on to unanimously approve the following resolutions (minute point 5):

‘That Wingrove Primary School GB requests Newcastle City Council that current and future joining non-teaching employees be admitted to the Local Government Pension Scheme and that Newcastle City Council effects this proposal in order to meet the implementation date for transfer.’

