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Dear Parents and/or carers,

For some time now the Governors of St Erth School have been looking closely at ways to secure the best future of the school and we are considering becoming an academy as part of an academy trust. This is not the first time we have looked at the possibility of conversion. Recently, we have conducted research and received presentations from multi-academy trust organisations in order to evaluate, in detail, the best options for our school. We have now decided to make 'an expression of interest' with the Department for Education, to investigate joining the Truro and Penwith Multi-Academy Trust (TPAT) run by Truro and Penwith College.

We have had a number of meetings with representatives of the Trust and believe that this move provides a real opportunity for the school to work with a significant and successful local partner, who shares our ethos and values. We feel this would be a positive and exciting next step for our school and the community. We have completed an application form, which has been submitted to the Department for Education; confirmation is received in the form of a ministerial letter and a grant, for us to explore this option without cost to the school. The grant is used solely for investigating all areas of converting to a multi-academy trust. There is no commitment to becoming an academy at this stage.

We would like to tell you more about this proposal and we are keen to ensure that you are kept fully informed. A full consultation process will follow which involves you as parents and carers. Please find attached a list of Frequently Asked Questions which will outline more about the academy trust and the process. We would also like to invite you to a meeting where members of TPAT will introduce themselves, talk about what they believe is important, how the proposal will be developed and also answer any questions you may have. This consultation session will be held on **Tuesday 15th March at 3pm** in school. The Governors are looking forward to seeing you there. A crèche will be provided for school age children throughout the session.

This letter opens the consultation period which will close on the 25th April at midnight. If you do have any questions or concerns regarding this conversion please email them to:

secretary@st-erth.cornwall.sch.uk or write to the Head and Chair at the school address.

Yours faithfully
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