



15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Community

As we return to school for the start of the new academic year, I want to provide you all with an update on Wroughton Infants and Juniors conversion to join Grove Learning Trust.

As many of you will know, the Governing Body of the Wroughton Primary Federation held a consultation across May and June on the proposal to join Grove Learning Trust; a Multi Academy Trust based in Swindon. Following this, Hannah Woodhouse, the Regional Schools' Commissioner for the South West, granted the Academy Orders on 6<sup>th</sup> July for both schools to join Grove Learning Trust.

Between now and the end of December, the legal transfer process is taking place. This includes the transfer of land, buildings and staffing. All staff are currently in the window of TUPE and the four schools that will make up Grove Learning Trust from January 2022 are working collaboratively on a variety of projects. These will include:

- opportunities for the children in the four school councils to meet up virtually, sharing photos of their school and asking questions of each other to get to know the similarities and differences across the schools
- opportunities for all children to understand that their school is going to be joining a family of other schools
- continued opportunities for staff to learn from colleagues across the four schools either in staff meetings, leadership meetings or through focused training events

We are keeping a very close eye on the numbers testing positive for Coronavirus across Swindon and a lot of our partnership working is going to be online until we are able to adjust our risk assessments.

Wroughton Infants and Juniors is on track to join Grove Learning Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 so we would like to offer an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have to Wroughton and Grove Learning Trust leaders, especially as we recognise that everything to date has been communicated either in letter or pre-recorded video format.

The planned live Q&A session will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 1pm and 5:30pm. We will not be presenting anything new at this meeting as our presentation detailing the rationale behind the Governing Bodies decision is still available on our website: <https://www.wroughtonfederation.co.uk/pages/key-documents/academy-consultation-2021> The frequently asked questions document and questions asked during the consultation are also still available on this page.

If you want to attend the live Q&A session please email [juniors@wroughtonfederation.co.uk](mailto:juniors@wroughtonfederation.co.uk) by the end of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, informing us which time slot you will be attending. We will then send you a link to the online meeting. If you do not have the technology to join these sessions and have questions you wish to discuss, please call the Junior School on 01793 812339. They will take your details and arrange a telephone call with one of the school leaders from Wroughton or Grove Learning Trust.

Please be assured that we will continue to send updates as we move through this next part of the conversion process and update the page on our website accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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