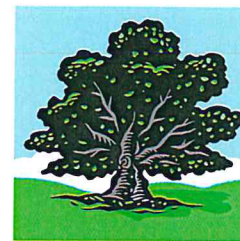


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Dear Parent or Carer,

10/07/2018

PROPOSAL TO JOIN THE ARBOR ACADEMY TRUST

The Governors of Woodford Green Primary School have been considering carefully the future strategy for the school, given the challenges we are likely to face. We have also thought about this strategy in the context of government policy for schools and a changing educational landscape.

The Governors want the very best for all the school's pupils, staff and the wider community of parents, carers and families. Although our school is improving with a current Ofsted judgement of *Good*, we believe that a more robust plan is necessary to sustain and raise the school's performance and pupil outcomes.

The proposed plan

The Governors have come to the view that it is best for Woodford Green Primary School to join the Arbor Academy Trust and for the school to convert to academy status.

We know that the children, staff, parents and carers value that Woodford Green is a small school where children, staff and parents/carers are part of a community that cares for everyone.

However, as a small school we are more vulnerable to the financial pressures facing all schools, the challenges of retaining, developing and recruiting staff and securing high quality support. In the past the London Borough of Waltham Forest provided excellent support for all its schools but, through no fault of its own, has less funding and resources, which it has to target at the weakest schools. The school does not get as much support as it used to and our location on the absolute edge of the borough probably doesn't help.

The attached consultation proposal explains the challenges facing the school, the reasons Governors support the proposal to join Arbor Academy Trust and the implications of trust membership.

Consultation on the proposed plan

Governors wish to consult with parents, carers, staff, pupils and the wider school community on the proposal. The consultation will run from Tuesday, July 10th 2018 until Monday, September 24th 2018, a period of more than four (4) academic weeks.

Following our earlier notification we would like to confirm that there will be consultation meetings for parents and carers on Wednesday, July 11th at 2pm and on Thursday, July 12th at 7pm at the school.

The Headteacher, Governors and representatives of Arbor Academy Trust will make a brief presentation before giving you the chance to ask questions. We will then conduct a survey to understand your views before making a final decision in October 2018.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, July 11th or Thursday, July 12th.

Yours sincerely,

Candice Dwyer
Chair of Governors

PJ Prince
Headteacher

