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# Wychbold First and Nursery School

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Community Members and Other Stakeholders,

## Consultation on proposal for Wychbold First and Nursery School to become an Academy and join the Rivers C of E Academy Trust

For several years, good and outstanding schools have been offered the option of converting to academy status, giving them more autonomy and freedom. At Wychbold First and Nursery School the Governing Body have been considering this option for some time with the priority of improving educational outcomes for our children at the forefront of this proposal.

The Governing Body believes that the best way of improving standards in the future is for our school to join an existing Multi Academy Trust (MAT), to become an equal partner school in this trust. Wychbold First and Nursery School would retain much of its independence while benefiting from being part of a Trust. There would also be more opportunities for the children and staff to work together across the Trust.

The Governing Body has therefore agreed to consult on changing our status from a Community school to an Academy school by joining the Rivers C of E Multi Academy Trust. This consultation is open to all, including parents, pupils, staff and the wider community. We want to hear your views and establish if there is any significant objection for the Governing Body to take into account when making its final decision.

The consultation period runs from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (inclusive). We have prepared the attached document which includes answers to many 'Frequently Asked Questions'. We are also holding an open meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the school hall between 4:30pm and 6:30pm where a group of Governors including the Chair of Governors, the Head teacher and representatives from the MAT will be available to discuss any questions you have. Please come along at any time during the open meeting, this will be an informal drop in session for anyone who has an interest in this proposal.

If you are unable to attend, we would welcome your questions or comments by email to: [head@wychbold.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@wychbold.worcs.sch.uk) or in writing to:

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Many thanks in anticipation of your involvement in the consultation process and we look forward to hearing your views on this new and exciting opportunity.  
Yours sincerely,

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Eleanor Sinton  
Chair of Governors

