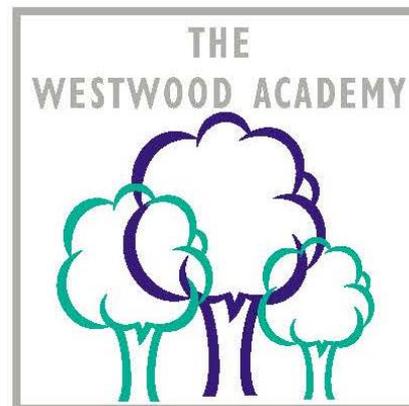


Tuesday 19th September 2017



Dear Colleague

The governing body of The Westwood Academy is proposing to be a partner school within the planned Kenilworth Multi-Academy Trust. At its inception, the Kenilworth Multi-Academy Trust (KMAT) will comprise the newly formed Kenilworth Academy as lead school and The Westwood Academy as a partner school. The governing body is now consulting on whether The Westwood Academy should become a partner school in the KMAT application bid.

Both Kenilworth School and The Westwood Academy have undertaken due diligence and believe that the synergies that exist between the schools constitute the basis for a successful formal arrangement to be progressed. The governing body of Kenilworth School intend to make application to convert to Academy status in the form of a newly formed multi-academy trust, the Kenilworth Multi-Academy Trust (KMAT); the newly formed Kenilworth Academy will be the lead school and have already undertaken consultation to this effect. The planned date for conversion will be April 2018.

The Westwood Academy is now consulting on whether it should progress with plans to be a named partner in the application to the DfE for the creation of the KMAT. Although the decision to join KMAT resides with the governing body, The Westwood Academy will not formally agree to join KMAT until our stakeholders have had the opportunity to comment on the proposals. We are consulting with the following stakeholder and community groups:

- Parents and carers of pupils at The Westwood Academy
- Staff at The Westwood Academy
- Parents and carers of pupils in Year 5 and 6 at our local feeder primary schools
- The governing bodies of other local secondary schools in Coventry
- Other local stakeholder groups e.g. Xcel Sports Centre, The University of Warwick and local government (the Local Authority)

The Governing Body will then consider a report on the academy consultation before making a final decision on whether to proceed with the proposal. If you have any feedback on the proposal that you would like to share with the Governing Body please use the e mail address indicated below. The consultation process will run from Tuesday 19th September until Monday 16th October 2017. In the first instance, we welcome any comments you may wish to make in writing, or by email. The email address to be used is consultation@thewestwoodacademy.co.uk

Any comments or representations which are made about the proposals will be considered by the governing body before it takes the final decision to convert to academy status. The governing body will meet on Tuesday 17th October to vote on whether to proceed with joining KMAT as a partner school. They will not do so unless they are content that this is in the best interests of the pupils and staff, taking account of all of the legal and practical ramifications and the opinions of the wider stakeholder group.

Yours sincerely



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