

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Many of you will be aware that our Principal Ms Carter has not been in school for the last few weeks. Ms Carter has been very poorly and after a period in hospital her doctors have advised her to rest and then return to work gradually as she continues to recover. This may take some time, but we hope to see her back in school initially on a part time basis after the summer half term break. I am sure you would wish to join me in wishing her a swift and full recovery. She is not accessing her emails at the moment, but if you wish to send her a note or card with your good wishes by dropping this into the school office we will happily make sure she receives this.

In the meantime, we are delighted that Mr Morgan is stepping up as Acting Principal and he has our full and unanimous support.

Throughout the last few months school governors have been seeking ways to support the school. In our conversations with parents, staff, the local authority and the Department for Education, what has become crystal clear is that as schools around us move into academy trusts the opportunity for support from the local authority has diminished. Governors consider that this isolation from other schools is not helpful, and that partnership and collaboration is a necessity and essential at this time and for the future.

As a result, at our governors meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March members agreed to explore the opportunities of becoming a member of a local Multi Academy Trust and what that would offer us and if appropriate to seek to join a Trust. We will start this process straight away and will be holding conversations with a number of Trusts in the coming weeks with a view to membership by the end of this calendar year.

We are clearly at a very early stage in this process and as we proceed all members of the school community will be encouraged to become involved and we will keep you informed of our progress.

I would welcome any thoughts and comments you may have at this very early stage in the process and am happy for you to contact via the email address below should you wish to do so.

Yours sincerely



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