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Dear Parents/Carers

ACADEMY CONVERSION / MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Two Rivers Primary is currently a Local Authority Maintained school. Approximately a year ago, I informed you that the Governing Body, having considered the benefits of conversion to Academy status, intended to apply to the DfE to begin that process.

We now believe that not only is it the right time to convert the school's status, it is indeed necessary in order to safeguard the identity and ethos of the school. Due to the political agenda that all schools will become an academy we feel that we need to take action now in order to allow us to be in control of the future of the school.

As an Academy our funding would change slightly as it would come directly from the DfE rather than the Local Authority. We would join over 5000 other schools that have successfully converted and be in a better position to manage the school in the way we want and the way we need to in order to continue providing a nurture based education with the absolute best value-added learning experiences possible. Equally as important to consider is the real risk of not converting and being ultimately forced to join another Academy chain or Multi Academy Trust (MAT); one who more than likely does not share our values and ethos. The only way Two Rivers Primary School is currently able to convert is to join a MAT of our choosing.

After a process supported by the Local Authority in which several existing Multi Academy Trusts were suggested by the LA and visited and interviewed by the Governing Body, we decided that the best available MAT for Two Rivers Primary to join is The Endeavour Multi Academy Trust. The letter I sent to you in November 2017 explained to you that the trust was established by two schools: Wightwick Hall and Cherry Trees, which are very similar to Two Rivers Primary and Two Rivers High School.

Part of the Academy conversion process is for us to consult with you as parents. We want to hear your suggestions and opinions. Please visit the school's website at www.tworiversschool.net where you'll find an Academy Conversion Consultation paper and a Frequently Asked Questions document. Please can I ask you to read these and, if you want to comment write to the school marked Academy Consultation or email office@tworiversschool.net as soon as possible, consultation closes at 12pm 14/2/19. If you'd like a hard copy of these two documents please call in at the school office and copies will be printed for you.

In order to ensure that Two Rivers Primary School continues with its current ethos and is able to remain as a community school for all our children, both now and in the future, I firmly believe that conversion to Academy status as part of a Multi Academy Trust represents the best course of action for our school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Dooley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony Dooley
Executive Headteacher