



CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Multi-Academy Trust Consultations

We are writing to inform you that, following consultation, the Governing Body has voted to convert to academy status and join The Bath & Mendip Partnership Trust. Our current aim is to join on 1 April 2019.

The Bath & Mendip Partnership Trust is an established Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) with an excellent 'track record'. It shares our school's values and is keen to maintain our ethos and individuality, whilst supporting us fully on our improvement journey. This has already started!

We look forward to being part of a family of local schools, sharing expertise and the support and challenge we will receive from a committed and experienced group of school leaders within the trust.

We don't believe joining a Multi-Academy Trust will impact on the day to day running of the school and we have included overleaf a list of things that will not change.

School Name Consultation

In addition, the Governing Body has also voted not to change the school name. Following a discussion considering all the survey responses, they have decided to put all our energy and effort into what impacts most to the children – the quality of education we offer. We hope that this, in time, will improve results and the reputation of the school, firstly with all our families and eventually in the wider-community.

We believe that our new values and vision, alongside the commitment of the staff, children and parents, will enable this to happen as we embark on the next 50 years of Castle Primary.

Consultation Statistics

40 parents and 20 staff responded to the survey consultation and approximately 25 parents and 20 staff attended the consultation meetings.

Parent Consultation Results			
Question	For	Neutral	Against
How do you feel about the proposal to convert to academy status?	77%	20%	3%
How do you feel about changing the school's name?	41%	26%	33%

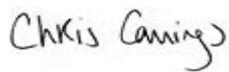
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Conversion - things that won't change:

- The school name, logo and uniform
- The school will still retain a Local Governing Body which has elected members from the local community, parents and staff
- We will continue to be inspected by OfSTED
- Our Admissions Policy
- Our commitment to retaining our close links within the local community and our role as a school in Bath & North East Somerset
- Staff pay and conditions
- Our commitment to supporting all children and working closely with the Special Educational Needs team at B&NES

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, do please come and talk to me.

Yours sincerely



Chris Cannings
Headteacher