

## **Burrsville Community Infant School**

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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Academy Conversion Consultation**

As a result of Burrsville Infant School being placed in an Ofsted category, requiring it to improve its educational standards, the Department for Education decided that it should be sponsored to become an Academy.

The Headteacher and staff have already delivered significant improvements in the school and this has been recognised in a recent Ofsted monitoring inspection. However, the Department for Education consider that sponsored academy status will ensure that those improvements will be built on and sustained most effectively.

The Department has selected REAch2 to sponsor Burrsville Infant as part of the Reach2 Essex Academy Trust. REAch2 is a primary school academy trust developed by Hillyfield Academy in collaboration with a number of other high performing primary schools and academies. Sponsorship means that REAch2 will support the conversion of Burrsville Infant School and put in place an educational improvement programme to ensure that educational standards continue to improve quickly.

The consultation period begins on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September and will last until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon and Burrsville Infant School is likely to become an academy on 1st November 2013. The consultation process has been designed to gather as wide a range of views as possible. It is important you have your say, as your views will influence how the academy is managed and organised.

To support parents / carers in developing their knowledge and understanding of what is involved in becoming an academy there is an information document which will be available at [www.reach2.org](http://www.reach2.org). We have already begun to discuss academy status with staff in school, and will also include students and members of the wider community in the consultation process.

We have arranged a briefing session for parents on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00 pm when you will be able to raise any questions direct with governors and the Headteacher. Alternatively you can email us with questions and views at [admin@burrsville-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@burrsville-inf.essex.sch.uk) or write to us at the school. We strongly encourage you to complete and return any comments to us by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon in order that your opinions are considered in the consultation process.

We look forward to your feedback.

Yours sincerely

Chair of Governors & REAch 2

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