



The Meadows
Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to share with you a further update from the Governing Body. You will recall that we wrote to you in June regarding the school's proposal to join a Multi Academy Trust, sponsored by Shaw Education Trust. (SET)

We explained previously that the ethos of SET strongly aligns with those of our school - it's a charitable trust and has children at the heart of everything it does. As you may be aware Madeley High School has recently joined their trust which provides an exciting opportunity for The Meadows to develop links and improve the transition from primary to secondary school. Furthermore the SET are now working with a number of primary schools with a view to academisation. Seabridge Primary School has recently joined their Multi Academy Trust, which will bring many opportunities and resources to our school.

The Department for Education have now granted their permission for our academy conversion, therefore we are now in a position to begin the consultation process. As part of this process, we would like to invite you to attend a meeting, where you can find out more about the Shaw Education Trust and how The Meadows will become involved from their Chief Executive Officer, Jo Morgan. **This will be held on Monday 11th September at 5 p.m. here at the school.** We are sending this letter out today before we break up, so that you have plenty of notice to make necessary childcare and work arrangements.

We do hope you will be able to attend, at which point any concerns you have, if not addressed in the presentation at the meeting, can be answered by ourselves or the CEO, Jo Morgan. We invite you to raise any questions using the dedicated email address: academyconversion@meadowsprimary.co.uk. We will then prepare a frequently asked questions information sheet document, which will be shared with our school community. We shall upload all our information to our website: <http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/academy-conversion>

We are confident there is most definitely a meeting of minds - it is very much a Trust that 'does with' and not 'to.' Our school will retain its identity and ethos. In real terms we believe you and your children will experience few changes once we academise, for example there are no plans to change the uniform or times of school day.

You can find out more about The Shaw Education Trust on their website:

<http://www.shaw-education.org.uk/our-trust/faqs.html>

Yours sincerely,

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