



OWLS Trust

Glenmere Primary School, Estoril Avenue, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 3RD
Langmoor Primary School, Kenilworth Drive, Oadby, Leicestershire, LE2 5HS
Little Hill Primary School, Launceston Road, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 2GZ

Dear Parents/Guardians.

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Members, Trustees and staff of the OWLS Academy Trust.

As you are aware, these are times of great change in education. The national and local changes have led to a great deal of discussion on how schools will be organised in the future, not least within our community and locality. This means there is now pressure to expand existing Trusts and that all remaining schools become academies as part of larger Multi Academy Trusts.

Due to these changes, over the last few months the OWLS Academy Trust have been discussing the best way forward. The staff and Trustees have discussed, at length, what possible options are appropriate to improve the present system of schooling and developing our Multi Academy Trust further. We have had enquiries from some local schools interested in joining us.

We have attempted, during our discussions, to promote the idea of continued excellence in our schools for our present children and for future generations. The guiding principle during our discussions has been; "What is best for our children now and in the future?" The central idea for the future of our schools has been one based on partnership and collaboration. That is, in working together the schools, parents and community will be best able to provide excellence for our children.

Over the next few months a number of decisions will be taken. We all wish for you, as parents/guardians in the community, to be fully involved, informed and consulted in this possible process of further development. Your views will be extremely useful in shaping our pathways.

The Trustees of the OWLS Academy Trust have been formally approached by the governing body of Fernvale Primary school with a view to joining the OWLS Academy Trust.

Fernvale will continue to run their school with their Head teacher and senior leadership team. All of the schools will retain a localised governing body. This will be supported by the Members and Trustees of the Trust, as currently happens with in the OWLS Academy Trust. The Trustees will be made up from current governors from the four schools with representation from each school. The core purpose of the Strategic Director Peter Merry will remain the same, to provide professional leadership and strategic management of the Multi Academy Trust. This will promote a secure foundation from which to achieve high standards in all areas of the schools' work.

The Trustees would like to seek your views with our proposed developments to our Multi Academy Trust and we thank you in advance for your support and involvement in this most significant of ventures. We look forward to a very positive future for education in our community. Please could you place any comments in the box provided below and return to your school office by Monday 18th April 2016 - 12.00 noon.

Comments:

Yours sincerely



Mr Peter Merry
Strategic Director



Mr Jonathan Tedds
Chair of OWLS Trust