



# OWLS Trust

1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Academy News

We would like to inform you that we have now received confirmation from the Department of Education that Fernvale Primary School have successfully converted to an Academy as of today, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. Thank you for your supportive comments and suggestions that have made this change possible.

As a result Fernvale will join our Multi Academy Trust (MAT) with Glenmere Primary School, Langmoor Primary School and Little Hill Primary School. The four schools will trade as the "Oadby Wigston and Leicestershire Schools Academy Trust" "OWLS Academy Trust". We are very much looking forward to strengthening the well-established partnership that we already have with these schools.

The OWLS Academy Trust will continue to have a CEO (Chief Education Officer) whose purpose will be to take a strategic lead and work in conjunction with trustees and the Headteachers to promote consistency and a secure foundation from which to achieve high standards through a shared vision across the four schools. The CEO will be Mr Peter Merry who is currently the Executive Headteacher at Glenmere and Langmoor Primary Schools.

Fernvale and Little Hill Primary Schools will continue to run as they currently are with Miss Hackett and Mrs Pankhania as the Headteachers, supported by the senior leadership teams of each school, who will be responsible for the overall running and progress of the individual schools. Each school will retain a localised governing body which will be supported by the trustees and members of the Multi Academy Trust. The trustees are made up from current governors from the four schools with representation from each school.

Finally, we would like to thank the many parents, governors and staff who have contributed, either directly or indirectly in the process and collaboration. There is still much to do but we can now move forward together with renewed confidence in the knowledge that by working in partnership we can achieve exciting and transformational change to provide the very best for our children now and in the future.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Trust

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