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28 August 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Letter for Consultation

As you are aware, Meadowhead School Academy Trust is a single academy trust. As set out in various communication over the course of the last twelve months, it is proposed that the academy will join Chorus Education Trust (the MAT), which is a Multi Academy Trust.

What will joining a MAT mean for current academy?

Currently Meadowhead School is supported by its own academy trust, called Meadowhead School Academy Trust (MSAT). If Meadowhead joins the MAT, the governance arrangements will change.

The MAT is governed by a Board of Trustees and Meadowhead will have a 'local governing body', or 'Meadowhead Academy Committee', which is in effect a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees. Its remit will be those matters that affect the students, staff and community of Meadowhead alone. The Trustees of Chorus Educational Trust have made it clear that they are keen for each school in the Trust to maintain its individual identity and a good school such as Meadowhead will retain considerable autonomy. The school will therefore benefit from the advantages outlined below, with no visible change at school level.

What are the benefits of being a MAT?

In the school's opinion, the benefits are numerous. The aim is to enhance the core purpose of delivering an outstanding educational pathway for all of the students in each of the schools within the MAT and to ensure that we have a robust structure to cope with the ever changing educational landscape.

A number of key benefits, all of which should impact positively on our students' learning and development, include:

- Long term sustainability of good and outstanding schools for our children
- Sharing of expertise to enhance our children's teaching and learning experience
- Shared training of staff and leaders giving increased opportunities for personal development and growth of talent
- Increased opportunities for mentoring and career development of all our staff therefore providing an attractive working environment for future employees
- Shared OFSTED experience and expertise
- Ability to build stronger sources of supplementary income through focused consultancy and training services
- Shared creativity and innovation
- Stronger combined Board expertise
- Progressive savings in administration and contracts through sharing resources and increasing our combined purchasing power

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Are there any disadvantages to becoming a MAT?

As a MAT, the central board of trustees will be accountable for the other academies in the MAT, not just Meadowhead School. This means increased responsibility. However, as part of the conversion process, the governing body will ensure that careful decisions are taken to ensure that the right governance structure and systems are in place to successfully operate more than one academy.

What else will change?

We do not intend to change anything else about the day-to-day operation of Meadowhead School as a result of joining the MAT.

How can I find out more?

There is more information about MAT academies and Chorus Education Trust on these websites:

www.education.gov.uk/academies

www.chorustrust.org

If you can't find the answer to your question here, or on the DfE website, please email Ms J Ledger (School Business Manager) who will try to assist.

How can I make representations?

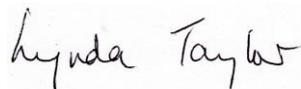
Representations can be made in writing to:

Chair of Governors
Meadowhead School
Dyche Lane
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S8 8BR

or by email to: enquiries@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

The closing date for representations to be made is 28th September 2018 at 5.00pm.

Yours faithfully



Lynda Taylor
Chair of Governors



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