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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that the Governing Body of Marple Hall School has taken the decision to consult on a proposal to convert Marple Hall School to academy status, working in partnership with Romiley Primary School to form a Multi Academy Trust. Full details of the proposal can be found on the school website and paper copies of the proposal can be supplied on request. Please call or email the school and we will ensure that your son or daughter is given a copy of the consultation booklet to take home with them, or alternatively you can pick up a copy from the school at your convenience.

The consultation runs from 9th January until 30th January 2023 and includes an open forum meeting 5pm to 7pm, Wednesday 18th January, at Romiley Primary School where questions can be asked of the Headteachers and Governors.

The Governing Body believes that converting to academy status and forming what is called a 'Multi Academy Trust' – an organisation that other academies can join in order to work closely with MHS – will enable the school to continue to develop and improve for the good of our students and community. We very much hope to be able to forge greater links with local schools and help to shape the future of education for our part of Stockport and beyond.

The reasons for the proposal can be found in the consultation document and on the school website. However, I will address one common question straight away. This proposal is different to when a school becomes a 'sponsored academy' and is controlled by an outside organisation. Our proposal means that MHS will remain independent and in control of our own future. We will still be called 'Marple Hall School', our uniform will stay the same and goals will remain the same.

Please take time to read the information on the website and/or in the consultation booklet and I look forward to hearing your views.

Kind regards

Joe Barker
Headteacher
Marple Hall School