



Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents,

You may well remember us writing to you in June 2023 to share an exciting project that we were proposing with a number of local schools in the formation of a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). We are delighted to share with you that the Writtle Infant School Governing Body has also now agreed to be part of this process.

The Writtle Schools, along with Moulsham Junior School, Moulsham Infant School and Highwood Primary School, have worked together closely for over eight years as part of school-to-school support. This collaborative relationship has helped to improve outcomes for children, supported staff professional development and enabled leaders to share best practice.

Over the past six years (with a break during the global pandemic), we have been discussing ways of developing even further. This led each school to independently consider all options, ranging from joining an existing MAT to forming our own multi-academy trust. We are now pleased to share that we are in the process of establishing our own MAT.

Our priority is to enable us all to continue to provide an excellent education for our pupils, whilst maintaining each school's ethos and identity. We believe by working together closely with these like-minded schools, we can continue to achieve great things and provide an excellent educational experience in which all our pupils can thrive.

The formal partnership (MAT) will be built on the strong foundations of our existing organisations. The Trust will be known as 'HIVE Family of Schools' (Highly Inclusive Values-led Education) and each school will retain their current name.

As our schools are already successful in their own right, they will retain much of their independence whilst benefiting from being part of HIVE. This will provide us with the opportunity to further improve outcomes by developing and enhancing the curriculum we offer, sharing best practice and using resources effectively across our five schools. The schools will also be able to support and challenge each other in a much more meaningful way.

Consequently, the governing bodies of these five schools have committed to form a MAT and our application has been approved by the Regional Schools' Director at his May Advisory Board meeting. We are now in a position to carry out a formal consultation during the autumn term with our respective communities.

We look forward to sharing our plans as we move forward.

Best wishes

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