

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that our applications to convert the seven schools in The Compass Partnership of Schools to academy status and form a Multi-Academy Trust, have been approved by the Department for Education. We can now start the process of appointing a law firm to support us with the legal side of the conversion process. Wingfield will join the Multi-Academy Trust after the completion of their building works, and will continue to work in partnership with us.

***"Coming together is a beginning,
staying together is progress, and
working together is success."***

Henry Ford

We have been spending time looking at our governance structure and the skills needed to ensure that we have a strong team of Members and Trustees, to provide the vital role of holding our school leaders to account, and ensuring that we are compliant in both charity and company law. We will update you on the composition of our Trustee and Member Boards in the next issue of this newsletter.

As a group of schools that are really proud to be based in Greenwich, it has been important for us to gather feedback from the Local Authority to understand how we would continue to work with them when we have formed our Multi-Academy Trust. We have had some really constructive ideas from them on our initial plans, which we look forward to sharing with you in the coming months.

As part of the process of consulting with our school communities, we will also be meeting with Student Councils from across the seven schools, to help them to understand the process that we are going through, and to get their views on how they would like to see our organisation evolve. Again, we will update you with the children's feedback in due course.

We have also been reviewing the contracts that we have across our schools so that we can ensure that we are procuring the most cost effective, high-quality services, and from local providers as far as possible.

We would like to thank parents and carers for your engagement in this process so far. Please keep an eye on our school websites for updates and important dates for you to have the opportunity to comment on how we move forward as we form our Multi-Academy Trust.

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The Compass Partnership of Schools

