



Burford Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

Consultation on Academy Status

We are writing to let you know about the Governors' plans for the future of Burford Primary School and to invite you to a consultation meeting at the school on Tuesday 3 February 2015 from 7pm to 8pm to discuss these plans.

Our Governing Body is mindful of a rapidly changing educational landscape, both nationally and locally, whereby services provided by the local authority are either being withdrawn or not representing good value for money. Therefore, along with our partnership schools, we have been exploring various options, in great detail, and the implications of academy status.

The options have included remaining with the local authority and not to convert, converting as a single academy, joining with a group of other local schools as a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) or joining an existing MAT set up by the Oxford Diocese Schools Trust (ODST).

As Governors, we believe that becoming an academy will bring advantages to Burford Primary School; it will help us ensure that the ethos and values remain in the long term; provide the Head Teacher and Governors with additional choices about how the school develops and help us withstand the educational changes which we see coming nationally.

The Governing Body of Burford Primary School has therefore resolved to explore in more detail the option of joining ODST. This has in no way committed our school to this route, but we have decided that our time and energies are to focus on one chosen option rather than continuing to explore others that are not in the best interests of our school.

We see this as the next step on the road to becoming an outstanding school and want to assure you that our focus remains wholly on your children's learning, and ensuring the school retains its community identity, distinctiveness, autonomy and drive to improve. We are committed to providing the best possible education, both now and in the future; any decision to convert to an academy will have these values at its core.

At the consultation meeting on 3 February, David Cousins, Director of Schools and Mark Jones, HR Adviser, from the ODST, will provide an opportunity for you to find out what academy status would mean for our school and to ask questions, as it is important that we receive your views before a final decision is taken.

Please complete and return the form below, by Wednesday 28 January 2015, to let us know if you are able to attend and include any questions in advance, to ensure we have answers ready, although you are welcome to ask questions on the night.

We very much look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 3 February at 7pm.**

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

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Headteacher

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**Meeting for Parents: Consultation on Academy Status
Tuesday 3 February at 7.00pm**

Name of Parent/Carer.....

I will/will not be able to attend the meeting.

If you have questions please make a note of these below and return this form in a sealed envelope to the school office by **Wednesday 28 January 2015** (paper copies of this form can be found in the pamphlet letter holder in the main corridor):

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