



10th November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

CONSULTATION REGARDING WROTHAM ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S APPLICATION TO JOIN THE PATHWAY ACADEMY TRUST

This letter is an invitation for you to participate in the consultation process regarding the proposal for our school to convert to academy status. The Pathway Academy Trust comprises Culverstone Green Primary School, Riverview Infants and Riverview Juniors and it is our intention to join this Multi Academy Trust. This decision comes after considerable deliberation over the past year. We believe that this is a positive way forward for our school and will enable us to continue to improve the opportunities we provide for the children. More information about what this means is attached to this letter.

Government continues to encourage schools to become academies and in particular for primary schools to become academies in groups. Making this change now means that we can choose how we want our school to develop. Wrotham Road works closely together with Culverstone Green Primary School and Riverview Infant and Riverview Junior School already, sharing good practice and helping each other to raise standards, we believe that the time is now right to formalise the partnership by joining their Multi Academy Trust. This will make it easier to share the costs of our purchasing so that we can protect and improve our spend on teaching and learning at a time when school budgets come under pressure.

Whilst we see real benefits in working more closely together, any changes are likely to be behind the scenes. You will see little practical difference when we become an academy. The name of the school will stay the same; the uniform will not change nor the school's admissions policies. All children and all members of staff will continue to be part of the school as they are now.

Governors believe that academy status within The Pathway Academy Trust is the best way to support the school in continuing to develop and improve. We hope that you will continue to give the governors and the staff your support. We welcome your questions or comments regarding this proposal, please email the governors at governors@wrotham-road.kent.sch.uk or alternatively write to me via the school office. Closing date for feedback will be Friday 24th November. Your feedback will form the basis of a consultation evening which will be held in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors



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