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Consultation to Convert to Academy Status

As you may be aware, schools' conversion to academy status has been government policy for a long time. Our governors have regularly reviewed Kingsway's position on this and have decided, after much fact finding and deliberation, to consult more widely on this proposal, with a view to our school becoming an academy.

Our school is currently a stand-alone school within Nottinghamshire local authority. Although we have worked in collaboration with schools in our local area, because we are a 'good' school we do not get additional support from NCC or any other opportunities to share good practice as fully as we would like.

As we wish to join a collaborative trust, our preferred option for the way forward is Minster Trust for Education (MITRE), which is built upon mutual respect, shared expertise and values. We already have some links to the Minster Learning Alliance and found this to be beneficial to our school development.

As a Mitre Trust school we would:

- Retain our unique qualities and identity
- Aim to provide an education of the highest quality, both academic and personal
- Commit to working collaboratively to share good practice and support other schools
- Align ourselves with the philosophy and ways of working with the trust

Over the last six months or so, the governors and staff have met with representatives of MITRE and are fully satisfied that Kingsway would retain everything that we hold in esteem, whilst being able to make future decisions that focus fully on our children's development within our local community and area. This decision is essentially about supportive and collaborative school development for the benefit of our children.

Further information about the Minster Trust for Education (MITRE) and other schools within the trust is available on their website www.mitretrust.org.uk

The Consultation Process

The formal consultation period opens on Monday 9th May 2022 and will remain open until 4.00pm on Monday 20th June 2022. We want to ensure that there is every opportunity for views to be shared regarding this proposed change.

To respond to this consultation on whether the conversion of the school to academy status should take place, representations can only be considered by governors if made in writing to:

Kingsway Primary School,
Kingsway,
Kirkby-in-Ashfield,
Notts. NG17 7FH

Please mark your envelope **'Kingsway Primary School Academy Consultation'**

You can also share your views and ask questions by email to:

consultation@kingsway.notts.sch.uk

Although individual responses will not be sent, all representations will be considered by governors.

In addition, we will be holding an open meeting attended by representatives of MITRE. This will take place on Tuesday 17th May 2022, at 6.30pm in Kingsway in our school hall and everyone is welcome.

Our children will also be kept informed through assemblies and through representatives of the school council.

Following the consultation period the Governing Body will consider all of the feedback it has received during the consultation and will then make a decision on whether to continue with the conversion process.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lowrey
Chair of Governors

Mrs Bradbury
Head Teacher