



Monday 6th November 2023

Listening Period Launch re. Intent to Academise

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write with some important news about Hazel Grove Primary School.

As some of you may have seen in the media, a great deal has been discussed over the course of the last few years about the future of schools. As part of that discussion, you may be aware that more and more schools have become what are known as academies.

Academies are schools where the governance is different. Instead of being part of the Local Authority, they are part of a family of schools known as a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) and we think that now is the right time for us to consider becoming an academy and joining a strong, established MAT.

The reasons for this are quite significant: As our most recent Ofsted report shows, we are a good school, achieving well and making real progress. How we access support to help us to continue to improve is, however, changing and we believe that we need to change too.

As a result, we have been exploring what being part of a MAT would mean for our school, staff, governors and most importantly, the quality of education for our children. During this time it has become clear that there is a local Trust whose values and approach mirror how we work at Hazel Grove Primary.

That is why we are launching a listening period to gather your views on the opportunity for our school to become an academy and join the Laurus Trust.

The Laurus Trust's family of schools includes primary and secondary schools, including Hazel Grove High School – where nearly all of our children move on to in Year Seven. Their schools not only produce excellent outcomes for children, but they also provide a huge variety of enrichment activities and we think we would really benefit to be part of this.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, and we have only considered this as we believe that we have found a Trust that shares our ambition, has the ability to ensure that we continue to thrive and also celebrates our individuality as a school.

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Whilst we are incredibly excited about opportunity that this potential partnership brings to our school, it is very important to us that you feel as informed as possible about our thinking. That is why we have designed a website that:

- Provides some key information about the Laurus Trust
- Provides answers to some of the questions that we receive
- Provides a link for you to share your views and questions directly with the schools Governing Body

Please do visit the website at <http://www.hgpslisteningperiod.co.uk/> (also accessible from our school website) and let us know your thoughts!

From the outset, we would like to be very clear that you and your children will not see or feel any significant changes to our school; for example, there are no plans to change the name of the school, the logo or uniform and our amazing staff will remain the same. The decision is about the long-term future of the school, the professional development of our staff and our ability to work collaboratively with others to help our school get even better. It will also only further strengthen how we work with Hazel Grove High School.

We look forward to working with you as we progress on this important decision for our school together.

Warm regards,

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