



Highters Heath Community School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

The Future of Highters Heath Community School

I promised that I would keep you informed as soon as I was told which Academy Trust was going to become the sponsor for Highters Heath.

At a recent meeting of the Schools Advisory Board, it was decided that the Excelsior Multi Academy Trust would be the appropriate choice for our School. There will be no sudden or major change in terms of the children. I have met today with Ms. Hazel Pulley, the Chief Executive of Excelsior. I am confident that we shall be very warmly welcomed into the Excelsior family, and that your children will be offered lots of opportunities to develop their existing and new skills.

I want to reassure you that the current arrangements to support the leadership of the School will remain in place until the end of term in July, and I would like to thank Mrs Goodfellow and her colleagues for all they are doing here. I know that they will work closely with Excelsior to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements.

As a small school, I know you have always valued the care and support offered by our wonderful staff, and that will continue. I think we should now view the future with optimism, as becoming part of the academy will provide more opportunities for children to have new experiences and develop new skills.

I believe that you will be contacted by Ms. Pulley very soon, and she will no doubt tell you more about Excelsior. We shall also arrange for you to have the opportunity to come and meet representatives from the Trust before the end of term.

I know that the last few months have been challenging for all of us, but I think we are now at the point where we can look forward with confidence to a bright new future for Highters Heath and the children we are here to care for.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Sue Richards
Chair of Governors