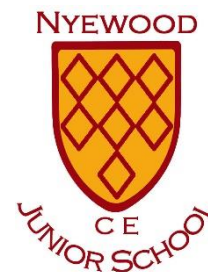


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Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Local Community,

### **Consultation to Convert to Academy Status**

The Government is encouraging all schools to consider converting to academy status. After very careful consideration and discussions with the Diocese, the School's Governing Body has decided that they wish to recommend conversion to academy status with a view to joining the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership (BLLP) multi-academy trust. Therefore, we have decided to consult with parents', carers, staff and other stakeholders on whether our schools should join the BLLP.

### **What is an Academy and why do we want to become one?**

Academies are publicly funded state schools that are independent of the Local Authority and receive funding directly from Central Government. Academisation enables schools to further develop innovative approaches to curriculum, timetabling, staffing and governance. All academies continue to be inspected by Ofsted and comply with the same rules as other schools on special educational needs and exclusions.

A multi academy trust is established to be responsible for a number of academies (schools). Each academy remains a separate school, but the governors of each school are responsible to the central board of Trustees.

An academy is part of a charitable trust run by a board of Directors. Academies are rightly expected to support and be supported by other schools within the trust.

In many ways our children will not notice any immediate difference, they will be in the same uniform, in the same classrooms with the same teaching staff. The governors favour joining a local Trust and by working within the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership, we will be able to play a key role in the development of the Trust and strengthen relationships with other schools as they join. Having spoken to the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership Trust's leaders and explored with them the opportunities that joining them will provide, we have concluded that working together within the Trust will bring benefits to teaching and learning and thus to the achievement of all our pupils. It will also support us in continuing to promote the Christian ethos of the school to enrich the learning of pupils.

### **Who will be the members of the local governing body?**

On conversion, our governors will remain in place as the local governing body for the school, and two of our governors will be given places on the Board of Trustees of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership Academy Trust. Our local governing body will continue to include elected parents and one elected

member of staff.

### **How can we find out more about Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership?**

The Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership is a multi academy trust that was established in October 2020. It currently consists of Bishop Luffa School and Rumboldswyke Primary School. You can find out more on their

website;

<https://www.bishopluffalp.org.uk/>

### **How to take part in the consultation process**

The four-week consultation will begin 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with the closing date for submitting comments being 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

We will be holding a meeting for parents/carers which you are welcome to attend (details to follow).

Members of our Governing Board and The Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership will be at both meetings where further information about the proposal will be shared.

You can also ask questions or make comments by completing the form attached and bringing it to either school's reception in an envelope marked "Academy Consultation" to school.

We are excited by the opportunities this partnership will bring to our school community and look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,

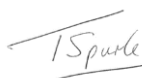


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