



# PARKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that this year the Government have set out its aim for all schools to become part of a strong multi-academy trust by 2030.

As Parkside Middle School is currently a local authority school, the Governors have undertaken research and due diligence to consider the multi-academy trust that would be most suited to Parkside.

During this process, Governors have concluded that The Spire Church of England Learning Trust is well matched to the aims and principles of our school. Significantly, moving into the Trust affords us many opportunities and benefits which will serve to strengthen our work and help us to improve the quality of education for our pupils still further. The Trust is locally based at St. John's C of E Middle School in Bromsgrove; it consists of 4 other schools and is focused on working together to share good practice leading to raising standards and ensuring that all pupils achieve their potential.

Therefore, the Governors have recently confirmed their intention to progress with plans to convert to academy status with the Trust.

As part of the decision-making process, we are carrying out a consultation with parents and staff. The period of consultation has begun and will run until the point of conversion. During this time, the school welcomes any questions on the processes involved to convert the school to an academy.

Post conversion, the academy will remain a strong community middle school that serves the town of Bromsgrove and its surrounding areas, ensuring that the current ethos and values of our school, which are of paramount importance, are protected and enhanced by working closer with the Trust. The Governors believe this proposed change will provide a greater number of choices as to how the school may develop, will help to meet the ongoing changes in the educational system, allow the school to continue to improve the opportunities provided for children and will support the school in its future development.



As a school we establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are listened to and encouraged to talk.

Parkside Middle School is committed to safeguarding and the PREVENT strategy and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Pupils learn to accept and uphold our fundamental British values.

We would like to assure you that there will be very few day-to-day changes made as a result of joining the Trust. The school will continue to be called 'Parkside Middle School'; our uniform, ethos and policies remain the same; all the existing staff, Leadership team and Governors will remain in post. We will not become a Church of England school and will retain our current values. We would continue to work closely with local schools.

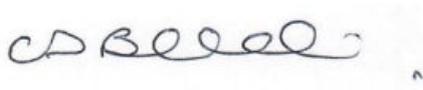
We will be holding a meeting for parents and carers on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm where a representative from the Trust will attend and present alongside a member of the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team, to answer questions and listen to comments.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this process or if you wish to comment on the proposal, please submit them via email to [office@parkside.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkside.worcs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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