



Ravenscote Community Junior School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

Ravenscote School and Academy Status

At a meeting of the governing body on Wednesday 23rd May, it was decided that we would investigate applying for Academy Status – the governing body now wishes to consult with parents/ carers, staff and the local community about the prospect of this change. The consultation period will start today and conclude on Monday 23rd June. Following the consultation the governing body will make a decision on whether or not to carry out the work necessary to submit such an application. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of this decision and to explain how you can take part and be involved in the consultation.

Academies have been around for several years now, and initially they were used to replace poorly performing schools. The Government have been very clear that they would like successful schools to convert to become academies. Academies enjoy different freedoms and we have attached with this letter a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document to help with your thinking.

We have also set up an email account for you to ask questions. The email address is wewantyourviews@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk. On a weekly basis we will answer these questions via our website.

We will be holding consultation sessions with staff and parents. The parent consultation sessions will be on **Monday 16th June at 7.00pm** and **Tuesday 17th June at 2.30pm** – further details are on the FAQ sheet. Following the consultation period, which closes on **Monday 23rd June** we will then meet as full governing body to discuss all questions and thoughts.

Once we have discussed your views we will then decide whether to move to the next stage of the process. I hope you will all take the opportunity to contribute to this debate.

Yours sincerely

David Harris
Headteacher

Keith Smith
Chair of Governors

