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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Body of Uppingham Church of England Primary School has taken the decision to pursue the option of joining Rutland Learning Trust Multi-Academy Trust. This will mean that we will be active partners in our goals to provide the optimum learning opportunities for the children in our school.

You can read about the trust here: <https://www.rutlandlearningtrust.com>

The governors have judged that the opportunities of cooperation and partnership with other schools provide exactly the right context to allow us to continue to provide the very best educational opportunities to our young people here at this school. At present there are 4 local primary schools in the trust, with 4 more hoping to complete the Multi Academy Trust during 2018.

Within this structure the special and individual character of each school is nurtured in the wider context of the Multi Academy Trust and the ethos of each school will remain in the control of the Local Governing Body of each school.

The aims of the Trust for all the participating schools are as follows:

- To provide a broad, balanced and inspirational curriculum for all children.
- To produce independent thinkers and learners who are ready for 21st Century Learning, that is Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Risk Taking, Reflective and Respectful learners.
- To develop confident, creative, self-assured, collaborative pupils who love to learn, to contribute and to achieve.
- To encourage pupils to be inquisitive and passionate about their learning.
- To cultivate a desire within our children to protect and care for the environment and contribute positively to the local community of which they are members.
- To encourage all pupils to grow in stature, confidence and self-esteem through encouragement, reward and recognition.
- To provide a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment activities to enhance and deepen skills.
- To foster a healthy competitive attitude, a desire to be successful, a commitment to fair play and to appreciate and enjoy the pleasure of taking part.
- To ensure all children reach their full potential by providing relevant and challenging technological educational experiences.
- To strengthen partnerships with families so that they feel fully involved in their child's education.
- To teach the British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs – reinforced through our Christian values.

Each school continues to have its own Governing Body, working with Trustees, to share and provide far greater resources than any individual school is able to achieve alone. The Governors have been

impressed with the inspiring leadership of RLT, and believe Uppingham C of E Primary will be making an excellent choice in selecting this trust as the best partner in the necessary process of becoming an academy.

We are consulting with you to invite your views on this strategic development for the school and welcome any questions or comments you would like to make. Please send to Mrs Julia Exton, Head Teacher office@uppingham.rutland.sch.uk or pop into school for a conversation by Friday 16th March 2018 at the latest.

Invitation: There will be a Consultation Meeting where you will be able to meet the Chief Executive Headteacher Mr Rob Gooding and learn more about the plans. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome. We will confirm the date as soon as possible.

The governors and I hope you will be as excited by the prospects that joining RLT holds for our school as we are.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Liz Clarke, Chair of Governors