



MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

At a meeting of the full Governing Board of Murray Park School on Tuesday 23rd May 2017, Governors decided that we should actively investigate the conversion of the school into an academy, and the setting up of a multi-academy trust (MAT) with one or more other schools in the local area. One particular option which we are considering seriously is the setting up of a MAT which would initially include Murray Park School and Littleover Community School. The two schools are currently talking about how we can support each other in school improvement. This gives both schools a chance to get to know each other before any decision is made on a MAT. We are also open to other possibilities, such as joining with local primary schools or secondary schools.

Governors feel that we are now at a position where the benefits of academy conversion may outweigh the associated risks. No decision has yet been taken as to whether to submit a formal application to the Department for Education. Even after this point there would be many other issues to resolve before a final decision to convert.

Governors would like parents to know about these plans at this early stage and are keen to invite feedback and questions so that the Governing Board can make informed choices in the light of parental views. Everybody is also clear, moving forward, about the implications for the school of such a conversion. Please submit any comments and questions via e-mail to info@murraypark.derby.sch.uk

The final decision will rest with the Governing Board, before which there would be a formal statutory period of consultation (if the process reaches the appropriate stage).

Further information from the Government about academies can be found on the gov.uk website. We would encourage those interested in finding out more about the issue to look at a variety of sources of information, as there are many different opinions on these matters.

Yours sincerely

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