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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may well be aware that there is a significant ambition from Government to have all schools across the UK join academy trusts in the future. As a school which wants to decide its own future, our Governing Body and senior leaders have proactively explored the opportunities for our school to join an established Multi Academy Trust (MAT).

Over a period of 3 years, we have considered many options and investigated a range of possibilities and we believe that we have identified the right Multi Academy Trust. The Trust we are interested in joining is called Scholars' Education Trust (SET). They currently operate eleven schools (both Primary and Secondary) in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, the closest of which is Robert Barclay Academy, a Secondary School in Hoddesdon. Scholars' Education Trust has an ethos which chimes with our own; to work collaboratively to provide young people in our care with the knowledge, skills and qualities they need to make a positive difference in the world. We have chosen this Trust as they allow Governors and senior leaders the autonomy to deliver a great education for the children, but with less of the administrative challenges that we currently face.

We would now like to involve the school community and will, therefore, be working in partnership with all parents, carers and other members of our school's community to undergo a **full consultation** into academisation and joining Scholars' Education Trust.

The consultation period will run for six weeks, from 26th April to 7th June. We have deliberately chosen as long a consultation period as possible, to give everyone a chance to ask questions and gather information to help decide if this is the right step for our school. We intend to engage as many stakeholders as possible and will therefore be holding an open meeting on 7th May at 5.30pm. This will give everyone the opportunity to meet senior representatives from Scholars' Education Trust, in addition to senior leaders and Governors. Additionally, parents and carers can voice their questions anonymously via an online survey <https://forms.office.com/e/LxZkXkrXsV> or make an appointment to meet a member of the Governing Body. In the interests of openness and transparency, we will keep you regularly informed throughout the consultation period via our school website.

During the consultation period, I would encourage you to find out more about Scholars' Education Trust by visiting their website <https://www.scholarseducationtrust.co.uk>.

I have also included a 'Frequency Asked Questions' document at the end of this letter, which I hope will be a helpful starting point.

Kind regards

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