



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to let you know about an important decision that the Governing Body took earlier this week.

You will recall that The Wordsley School was judged as continuing to be a good school after the Ofsted inspection in February. However, there are things that the school needs to work on especially in the areas of behaviour, attendance and assessment.

Governors discussed the support that is currently, and might in the future be, available from the local authority to help on our improvement pathway. Sadly, despite their willingness, the authority's capacity and resources to help us improve have reduced and given its financial situation, are unlikely to increase.

We wish to learn from the experience of other schools in similar situations and we need to collaborate with appropriate partners to do this. Currently there are just 4 secondary schools left in the local authority family. With 2 of them set to leave soon this leaves little opportunity for that collaboration.

Consequently, the Governors debated whether the school should seek to convert to an Academy and join a suitable Multi Academy Trust (MAT). We believe this will significantly increase the support available to us and will be the best way forward for the children, parents and the staff of Wordsley.

After considerable debate we reached the unanimous view that the time is right for us to do this. We formally resolved that we will seek to join a suitable MAT.

This is just the beginning of the journey. Our next step is to identify suitable MATs to open discussions with about what we can offer each other as we strive together to deliver the best education that we can for your children.

We will keep you informed about progress.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Nicky Cooper  
Chair of Governors

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<https://www.gov.uk/types-of-school/academies#t>

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