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Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer,

ACADEMY CONVERSION CONSULTATION

As you may be aware, it is government policy to encourage all eligible schools to become academies. In the last few months our Local Authority has also made it clear that it expects all schools to consider the pros and cons of such a move. Becoming an academy means removing the school from the control of the Local Authority.

At Brimington Manor Infant & Nursery School there has been considerable discussion amongst the Governors about whether or not we should consider a change to academy status. It is government policy to encourage groups of schools that share the same values and objectives to form Multi Academy Trusts.

After carefully considering all of the factors involved the Governing Body of Brimington Manor Infant & Nursery School "*confirms that it wishes to convert to academy status and seeks to join the Learner's Multi-Academy Trust*" this will be along with Brimington Junior School and Mary Swanwick Primary School subject to the outcome of due diligence and the required consultation.

Please visit our website at <http://www.info@brimingtonmanor.co.uk> to find 'Frequently Asked Questions' relating to academy conversion.

The Parent Forum will be held on **Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 6.00pm in Year 1 classroom** when Governors from Brimington Manor, Mrs Fretwell and representatives from the Learner's Trust academy chain will be available to answer any questions.

If you wish to respond to this consultation you can email your views to headteacher@brimingtonmanor.derbyshire.sch.uk. The consultation period will end on **11th October 2016**.

At Brimington Manor Infant & Nursery School our aim is to provide excellent education for the children of local families in collaboration with other local schools, and we believe that the move to academy status will help us to protect this.

We have already discussed the change in detail with other local schools. As a result of these discussions the Brimington Manor Infant & Nursery School are committed to applying to convert to academy status as part of a Multi Academy Trust to be called the Learners' Trust. Other schools are also considering joining this partnership, and may do so at a later date.

The educational objectives of the Trust are as follows:

- **The Quality of Teaching & Learning:** To work in partnership, to further enhance education and to provide an enjoyable, engaging and enriching learning experience for all students.
- **The Achievement of Students:** To work in partnership, to ensure all students develop into resourceful and responsible young people, equipped with the skills required to make the next step to secondary education.

- **The Effectiveness of Leadership & Management:** To work in partnership, in order to share the expertise and resources needed to underpin the provision of excellent education.

We are very interested to hear your views on our proposed change to academy status. Please email your comments to headteacher@brimingtonmanor.derbyshire.sch.uk by **11th October 2016**. Please make sure you include your name as well as the name and class of your son or daughter.

Thank you for your continued support of Brimington Manor Infant & Nursery School and we look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely

Mr Robert Mitchell
Chair of Governors

Mrs Kathryn Fretwell
Headteacher