

Bredgar Church of England Primary School (Aided)

"This is a good school. Behaviour and safety are outstanding, reflecting pupils' excellent attitudes to school and learning" – Ofsted 2012

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Dear Member of Staff

UPDATE ON CONSULTATION TO CONVERT TO ACADEMY STATUS

We are grateful to all the parents, staff and members of the local community who attended the consultation meeting on 10 January 2017 and to those who responded on line or by sending a paper response. Thank you also for attending your own consultation meeting on 19 January 2017.

Each school's governing body will consider the responses at their next meeting in March 2017 and decide whether to proceed towards the establishment of a multi academy trust. We will provide more information after those meetings.

However, we do want to clarify some points about the proposal in response to some of the comments received. We see the proposal to establish a multi academy trust as a logical next step in the development of the Unitas Collaboration. Working more closely together in this way will enable us to improve the education we offer to each child. There are unlikely to be any visible changes within any school.

Each school will continue to run as it does now, with its own budget – which will be calculated in the same way as it is now – and with its own head of school. Each school will have its own local governing body, with parents, staff and members of the local community continuing to be involved as local governors. Each school will continue to have its own individual ethos and character – and we intend to maintain these in the future.

There will be no change to the admissions arrangements of any of the schools – though that does mean parents of children at The Oaks Infant School will still need to apply for a place at Minterne Junior School. There will be no change to the Speech and Language Unit, the new building is on track and the Unit will continue to be a key part of the provision at The Oaks and Minterne.

There will also be a further formal consultation with all staff members later as part of the TUPE process if the proposal is formally adopted.

We will provide further feedback following the Full Governing Body meetings scheduled for March 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miranda Rees".

Mrs Miranda Rees
Chair of Governors

