



# Whiston Willis Community Primary School

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15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

The Governing Body and School Leaders of Whiston Willis are determined to ensure that we are a school that is constantly improving in order to provide the best possible start in life to all children who attend. Our priority is to enable the school to provide an outstanding education for our children while protecting the school's role at the heart of our community and retaining its unique qualities and strengths.

## The School Mission Statement states that:

**'Our school vision is to create an outstanding school in which our children are 'Learning for Life.'**

As you are aware, after a sustained period of research and careful consideration, the Governing Body believes the best way of achieving our goal of further improving standards in the future, while maintaining our school's ethos, philosophy and place within the community, is by seeking Academy status through joining a local well-established Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) ; The Wade Deacon Trust.

Our school would continue to retain its own identity and much of its independence while benefiting from being part of the Trust and will also continue to foster positive working relationships with the Local Authority.

We do acknowledge the valuable role the Local Authority will continue to provide but we recognise that its role in supporting schools is diminishing and that it is Government policy to encourage schools to become Academies.

Following consideration of our application, The Regional School' Commissioner has now given formal approval for Whiston Willis Primary School to join the Trust and as a result, the Governing Body, therefore, has agreed to consult on joining the Wade Deacon Trust.

This consultation is open to all, including our school's parents, pupils, staff and the wider community. The consultation period will start on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and end at 3.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Attached are answers to many 'Frequently Asked Questions'.

Furthermore, there will also be the opportunity for parents and members of the community to meet with the Head teacher, Governors and Trust Members to find out more about the conversion process on the dates/times shown below:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 9.15am**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at 3.20pm**

Responses to this consultation must be emailed to:  
[whistonwillis.de@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:whistonwillis.de@knowsley.gov.uk) (please place  
"conversion" in the subject heading

**or posted to:**  
Conversion  
Whiston Willis Primary School  
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This choice is a hugely positive step for us and will ensure that Whiston Willis will continue to improve and provide the highest quality of education for all our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support,

Bill Ponzini (Chair of Governors)