



# Lakeside

## Community Primary School



9th October 2017

### **MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST CONSULTATION LETTER FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

Dear Parents /Carers /Staff /Members of the local community/Interested parties

You may be aware that many schools are considering their future status in the light of the Government's policy that all schools should become academies. Over the past year, the Governing Board of Lakeside Primary School have been exploring a range of options to secure the best future for our school. Having investigated a number of local and regional multi-academy trusts and the possibility of forming our own multi-academy trust within Derby, it was agreed to examine further, the opportunity of converting to academy status as part of a Derby Hub of Harmony Multi -Academy Trust.

I would like to assure parents, carers and members of our local community and all other interested parties that by consulting on this issue now, Lakeside Primary School is able to maintain more control over its ultimate destiny and protect those aspects which drew you to the school in the first place. It is our belief that this development will only enhance the educational experience and opportunities for all children at our school, even further.

As a school that is rated 'requires improvement' by Ofsted, Lakeside is seeking support to help us rapidly achieve the improvements we need to make to ensure we are graded good at our next inspection. Harmony Trust have successfully supported a number of the schools in their Oldham hub to achieve an increased grade including supporting a school that was in the category of 'special measures' when Harmony began supporting them and has recently been re-graded good. We feel we would

## **ONWARDS and UPWARDS**

### **REACHING FOR THE STARS**



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enormously from their expertise in this area. Some of their schools in Oldham have the highest data in the whole city.

In accordance with the Academies Act 2010, the governing body is consulting on whether the school's academy conversion should take place. Further information about what becoming an academy means, and how to comment on the proposals are in the document attached to this letter.

This letter is part of our consultation process, which ends on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 4pm. Any responses must be received by then.

If you would like to hear more about the proposal and ask questions, there will be meetings held at school, all are welcome to attend.

17.10.17 at 5.45pm and 31.10.17 at 9.00am

This letter is also published on the school website <http://www.lakeside.derby.sch.uk>

Yours sincerely

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