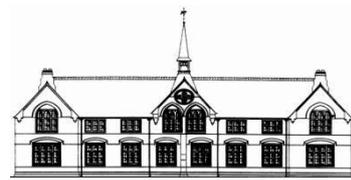


# New Town Primary School



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12th January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

## **PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE ROYAL COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS TRUST AND TO CONVERT TO ACADEMY STATUS**

You will know from the letters and leaflets we sent home at the end of last term that the Governing Body of St John's CE Primary School and the IEB of New Town Primary School have been considering conversion to academy status and the establishment of a multi academy trust to enable us to maintain the existing strong relationship between the two schools. The documents attached to this letter provide more information about this proposal and about what academy status means more generally, for our two schools and for your children.

The purpose of this letter is to consult you about our proposals. Details of how to comment or ask questions are provided at the end of this letter. Please do let us know what you think.

Governors at St John's and the IEB at New Town want the best outcomes possible for all children attending each school. We also want to preserve and develop the ethos, values and philosophy that underpin each school's activities and define it as a community. Academy status with the schools sharing leadership of the Trust will support us in sustaining what makes each school unique. The partnership that we have developed recently brings benefits to both schools and academy status as a multi academy trust will enable us to continue and develop those benefits as we serve the community in East Reading. Academy status will change some things behind the scenes but otherwise you and your children will see little difference. As governors and senior leaders at each school our focus will remain on children's learning and the opportunities we can provide. We will continue to work closely together and with the diocese, the local authority and other local primary and secondary schools. The names of the schools will not change; we will not change the uniform or the term dates or either school's admissions policy.

We hope that you will continue to give governors and staff your support in driving our schools forwards. If you have any questions or comments you would like to make about the proposal to establish the Royal County of Berkshire Schools Trust and for both St John's and New Town Primary Schools to convert to academy status within that Trust please send them using the form attached by Friday 12 February 2016 – either in hard copy to the school in an envelope marked 'Academy Conversion' or by email to [clerk.gov@stjohns.reading.sch.uk](mailto:clerk.gov@stjohns.reading.sch.uk). You can also complete the form on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RCoBST>

Yours sincerely



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