



Ludlow Infant Academy

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Dear all members of the School community

As you will be aware, the Governing Body has been looking to recruit a substantive Headteacher. In the more recent stages and as a part of this recruitment process, the Governing Body have also been exploring what options may be available to Ludlow Infant as a Stand Alone Academy Trust (SAT). This is in view of both the changes in the political education landscape in addition to the ongoing challenging Headteacher recruitment process which nationally many Schools face.

After many weeks of research, the Governors are considering becoming part of the Hamwic Multi Academy Trust (MAT). A Multi Academy Trust is a trust responsible for a number of academies. No final decision has yet been made but the Governors wanted you to be aware of the proposals and to seek your views. This would be a formal partnership with one of the larger trusts in the local area, and we view this as an important way to build on our strengths whilst working in partnership to the benefit of all of our children, staff and the community we serve.

The main benefits of being part of Hamwic Trust will include:

- Our school will retain its current name and identity, and it will continue to serve the needs of children and families in the local community.
- Educational benefits for our pupils as a result of high standards currently achieved by many Schools in the Hamwic trust.
- Benefits to staff and pupils through shared expertise across the schools that join and are already in the trust.
- Economies of scale through bulk ordering of resources and shared resources.
- The option to work in closer partnership through a Multi Academy Trust with other sharing expertise and services that will benefit all of our pupils and staff.
- Sharing the resource and expertise of a larger Governing Body whilst also maintaining a Local Governing Body to oversee day to day operations within our school.
- Further information about Hamwic can be found on their website:
www.hamwic.org



We would like to hear the views of our parents, staff, and our wider community in relation to the possible transfer. This period of consultation will come to an end at 3pm on Friday 31st March 2017.

We will also be offering the opportunity to meet with members of the team from the Hamwic trust as a part of the consultation process. They will be holding Staff and Parent drop in sessions and the dates for these will be confirmed in the very near future.

Respond to the consultation:

There are two ways that you can share your views with us.

- Email directly to consultation@ludlowlive.net
- Complete the feedback form at the end of this letter and return to school for the attention of the Headteacher.

We look forward to sharing our plans with you further and hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully



Mr Andrew Pitcher
Chair of Governors

Name:

Consultation views on the transfer of Ludlow Infant to Hamwic as a Multi Academy Trust:

Signed:

Date:

