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Dear Parent,

Academy Conversion

The Governing Body of High Littleton Primary School set up a Future School Working Party two years ago, to explore various options for the future sustainability of our unique and distinctive school. To that end we have also been in discussion with Norton Hill and Somervale Secondary Schools about working in closer partnership.

On Tuesday 28th January 2014, the Governing Body of the school unanimously voted to consult on becoming an academy and join formally with Norton Hill and Somervale schools in a Multi-Academy Trust. This action will bring a number of key benefits for High Littleton Primary School and more importantly our children. I have detailed some of these below:

- Improved transition for Year 6 pupils most of whom attend one of the two local schools.
- Increased access to specialist facilities including those used for science, sport, technology and art.
- Better teaching and learning across all the schools in the partnership with High Littleton benefiting from expertise in Science for example and Norton Hill and Somervale school benefiting from our expertise in the teaching of literacy
- Greater economies of scale to allow capital investment in building and facilities at High Littleton
- Support with procurement of service such as school meals, site management, health and safety, finance, etc.

Nationally, many primary schools are working in this way with local secondary schools. The Diocese of Bath and Wells is supportive of this change and in terms of the day-to-day feel of our school, there will be very little difference to that which is experienced currently. The structure of the leadership team here would also remain the same with me as Headteacher making the day-to-day decisions and contributing to the strategic leadership with our Governing Body. Our strong working relationship with the church will also not be affected.

The governing body and I hope that you will see the many benefits to this course of action and will wish to support it. We firmly believe that becoming an academy and working closely with the two secondary schools will allow us to continue offering the best possible experience of primary schooling for your children.



Please find attached a Consultation document and a series of Frequently Asked Questions, which outline the school's proposals and address the issues raised. Should you wish to make any comment, please email the school at highlittleton_pri@bathnes.gov.uk or complete and return the form on the consultation document. We will add any questions or concerns to our Frequently Asked Questions section on the school website (under the Academy tab).

We will also be arranging a parent consultation meeting for Tuesday March 18th from 7pm to 8pm in the school, which will give you an opportunity to listen to a presentation from myself and the governing body and add your own comments.

Yours sincerely,

Gareth Griffith
Headteacher

