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Dear Parents/Carers

27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### **Academy conversion – formation of Concordia Multi Academy Trust (MAT)**

Wolverham Primary and Nursery School is currently a Local Authority Maintained school. Last year the Governing Body started to consider conversion to Academy status in order to explore the benefits of working together with like-minded successful schools.

We now believe that not only is it the right time to convert the school's status, it is necessary to safeguard the identity and ethos of our school. Full academisation of all schools, at some point over the next few years, is still the political direction that the Department for Education is aiming for. We therefore feel that we need to take action now in order to allow us to be in control of the future of our school.

The proposal for Wolverham Primary and Nursery School is that we will form a flat, education based MAT with 4 other local schools: Childer Thornton Primary School, Higher Bebington Junior School, Parklands Community Primary School and Town Lane Infant School in Bebington. We will be forming this MAT as equal partners and the individuality of our schools will be retained. We are not forming a corporate business focused MAT where everything is the same across all schools (e.g. uniform, curriculum, staffing, opening and closing times etc.).

The decision to form this partnership is being considered as all five schools already have a successful working relationship, share similar vision, ethos, values and are all determined to provide the best possible education and care for all children. All five schools have been recognised by Ofsted as being good/outstanding with a strong capacity to drive continuous school improvement.

Part of the Academy conversion process is for us to consult with you as parents/carers. Please visit the school's website at [www.wpns.org.uk](http://www.wpns.org.uk) where you will find an Academy Conversion Consultation paper and a Frequently Asked Questions document. Please can we ask you to read these and, if you wish to comment, write to the school marked Academy Consultation or email [admin@wolverham.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@wolverham.cheshire.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

Consultation closes at noon on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. If you would like a hard copy of these two documents, please ask in the school office and copies will be printed for you.

We firmly believe that conversion to Academy status as part of a Multi Academy Trust will protect the future identity and success of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Paul Jenkins  
Chair of Governors

Mrs Tracy Webb  
Headteacher

