

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Dear colleagues and stakeholders,

We are informing you that Lealands High School, Leagrave Primary, The Meads Primary and Waulud Primary have begun discussions and formal consultations on our ambition to convert to academy status and form a Multi Academy Trust: Lumen Education.

The Multi Academy Trust will have an emphasis on providing coherent education from Early Years to the end of the secondary phase. We will maintain the individual characters of our schools that have a shared vision and moral purpose for excellence within our local community. As founding schools, we will work cooperatively and collectively drawing on the existing strengths in curriculum and pedagogy that we have to enhance the provision across the schools in the Trust. We will continue to work with other schools and engage in partnerships both locally and more widely in the interests of our pupils and the wider school system. We will continue to work with, and support the Local Authority in line with the aims of its 2040 vision. Each school within the Trust will retain its own character and aligned ethos. Local governing bodies for each school will continue to oversee governance and hold leaders to account. We believe that our proposal will add strength and diversity to the educational landscape in the area.

The schools have met with the Local Authority and are now beginning a wider consultation with headteacher colleagues, local authority departments and wider stakeholders to ascertain your views before the governing bodies of the schools make a decision about submitting an application to the Department for Education.

Each of the schools, although at different stages of academy consultation with our local communities, are all seeking your comment about our proposal. Currently, following earlier consultation, the governing bodies of Lealands High School and Leagrave Primary School have already made the decision to apply to convert to academy status. The Meads Primary School and Waulud Primary School are currently consulting on converting to academy status which runs concurrently with this consultation until the 28th April 2023.

The proposal is that the schools formalise strong working relationships to continue to improve the education and outcomes for our children within a Trust format. We want to hear your views and establish if there is significant agreement or objection in preparation for the governing bodies making their final decisions on whether to move ahead with this proposal.

We invite you to share your views or raise any questions. Please use this link: consultation@leagraveprimary.co.uk

The consultation is open with immediate effect and will close on Friday 28th April.

Many thanks

On behalf of the Headteachers of:

Lealands High School, Leagrave Primary, The Meads Primary and Waulud Primary.