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Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders,

Consultation to become an Academy within a Multi-Academy Trust

As we explained in our last letter on February 21st, the Governors are proposing that Northmead Junior School joins with 4 other local schools to form a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) called the **Athena Schools Trust (AST)**.

The public consultation on this proposal starts on **Monday 5th March** and will last until **Thursday, 29th March**.

From Monday you'll find several documents on the school website which explain more about what converting to an Academy will mean, and more about the Athena Schools Trust. These documents include:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Athena Schools Trust: Governance Leaflet
- Athena Schools Trust: Aims and Vision

A link to the website is www.northmead.surrey.sch.uk.

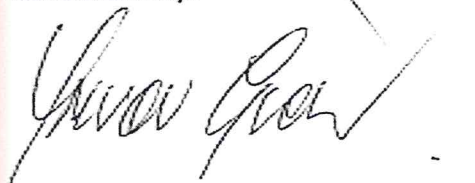
There will be a public meeting at the school at **6.30 – 8.00pm on Thursday, 15th March 2018** at which you will be able to ask questions or comment on any aspect of the proposed change. In addition to ourselves and other Governors, you will also be able to meet the Headteachers of some of the other schools proposing to join the Trust, and some Athena Trustees.

We would be delighted to see you at the meeting, but if you are unable to attend and would like to ask a question or comment on the proposals please email athenaconsultation@northmead.surrey.sch.uk with 'Academy/MAT Consultation' in the subject line. Emails should be received by 4pm on Thursday, 29th March to be recorded as part of the consultation.

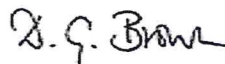
We will endeavour to respond to all emailed questions and comments promptly, but it may be some days before you receive a response.

A summary of the consultation feedback will be made available to all parents, carers and other stakeholders at the end of April and we will write again to advise you of this.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Trevor Grant
Chair of Governors
Northmead Junior School



Mrs. Debbie Brown
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