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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body of Whaplode Church of England Primary School to inform you of our decision to go to Consultation over our school becoming an Academy as part of the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust (LAAT).

After reviewing the options available to our school and with the academy agenda now a reality for all schools, Governors believe that they have chosen the best course of action. We are very keen to hear the views of all stakeholders and friends of Whaplode Church of England Primary School, regarding this important decision.

The reasons for us choosing to take this action at this time are:

- All schools will have to become academies. We feel that it is important that we choose the best path for us, rather than waiting and having to accept where we are placed.
- To be part of a larger group of academies with shared vision and values, putting children first, whilst retaining the unique qualities which are so important to the school community.
- As part of LAAT our school will keep its identity – the name, uniform and way we plan our curriculum will remain unchanged.
- To have access to the range of services which membership of the LAAT brings – eg Payroll, Legal, Financial, HR, School Improvement. This will allow our Senior Leaders more time to concentrate on ensuring the delivery of a wonderful education to our children, rather than running a company.
- To provide staff with greater access to training and development opportunities which will help us to keep strong staff for longer.

You will note that on our website we have provided comprehensive information for parents and carers as well as other interested parties. However, Governors are determined that before such a significant step is taken every interested party should have a proper opportunity to let their views be known. Governors are therefore arranging a drop in meeting on 6.10.2016 starting at 3 pm and ending at 4pm, where a member of the LAAT team will be available to answer any of your questions.

You will also see at the bottom of this letter a tear off slip and we would be grateful if you could complete and return this to the School office with your comments, in order to inform our decision making.



The Governors of Whaplode Church of England School are determined to lead the school to even higher achievements and maintain an excellent education for our children and they firmly believe Academy status as part of the LAAT is a major step along the way.

We welcome your responses.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Flack

on behalf of

Chris Mackman, Chair of Governors

Whaplode Church of England Primary School

Academy Consultation as part of the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust (LAAT)

Please return your comments to the school office

Name:

Comments: