21st November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Meeting Monday November 25th 7pm- 8.30pm RE: Proposal the school join a Multi Academy Trust

This is to confirm the Interim Executive Board (IEB) has arranged a meeting at school for all parents and carers with children currently attending the school to consider the IEB's proposal the school make a formal application to join a Multi Academy Trust. The Trust concerned is the North West Academies Trust (NWAT). Their Chief Executive, Mr Steve Docking, will be attending this meeting, along with IEB members.

At the meeting, the IEB will explain its rationale for seeking to join the Trust, and Mr Docking will provide detail of NWAT's history, organisation and vision and values, as well as how NWAT will work with our school, to support our improvement and development. There will be time allocated to ask questions and express views about the proposal, and more information will be posted on the school website next week about NWAT and academies generally.

The opportunity to ask further questions and to make comments will extend until at least 10th December, and the IEB will provide and publish a written response to matters raised. The IEB is open to extending this deadline for comments to the end of this school term, but will respond to all received comments ASAP after the 10th December. The IEB has begun consultations with all school staff and with Rev Georgina Watmore and PCC representatives.

Before any application to join the Trust may be made, the IEB will need the permission of the Diocesan Board of Education.

Further information about the North West Academies Trust is available on their website: https://northwestacademiestrust.co.uk/

Please can you advise the school office by email admin@utkintonce.cheshire.sch.uk if you are planning to attend Monday evening's meeting by lunchtime on Monday so we can arrange refreshments and seating.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Kent (IEB Chair)