



Dear Parents,

Further to our previous letter on March 20th, we would like to update you with the position of the schools within the Holme Valley in relation to the potential formation of a multi academy trust (MAT). The position of our school has not changed since that letter, but we wish to inform you of the agreed position of all schools within the Holme Valley.

As you know, discussions have taken place between all schools, investigating the potential advantages and disadvantages of forming a MAT. Those meetings are to be paused, with all schools agreeing that they do not want to rush into such a process.

All Holme Valley schools wish to remain under the control of the Local Authority, but are keen to pursue opportunities for collaborative working to enable the sharing of expertise for the benefit of all pupils and the offering of appropriate support for individual schools. Collaboration may take the form of joint projects or school to school support, depending upon priorities and development needs.

Should there ever be a need to make collaborations become more formal, taking into account the ever changing educational landscape, the process of information sharing and consultation with all parties would begin. The political and educational climates are subject to change and we must be mindful of responding to initiatives, ensuring our children's education and wellbeing is the key focus. All schools will continue to monitor whether a structural change could be appropriate.

We hope this gives you sufficient information as to the current position, and we will keep you updated if and when anything changes, but if you have any queries then please feel free to pop into the office or speak to Mr Rose.

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors



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