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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the Governors of our school have recently applied for permission to become an Academy under the Academies Act 2010.

Weston Mill benefits from partnerships across the City, including our Co-operative Trust, and this improves opportunities not only for our children but staff, parents and our wider community. In moving forward as an Academy we are looking to join two other Plymouth Schools, Oakwood and Beechwood Primary schools, who would also become Academies, and together we would form a Multi-Academy Trust. Governors have agreed that I would take overall responsibility for the Trust, but would leave the day to day management, and importantly, a clear focus on learning, with the Heads of School. For Weston Mill this would be Mrs Rachel Dibben, for Beechwood School this will be Mrs Lisa Evans and for Oakwood School, Mrs Jackie Sparrow.

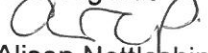
The Government introduced Academies some time ago, initially to support schools that were deemed to be failing. Now the Government's vision is that all schools will become Academies, giving greater freedom and opportunities to its communities. Beechwood and Oakwood Schools already enjoy an effective Federation, built on strong foundations and excellent leadership, and as all of our schools are deemed by Ofsted to be 'good', we have a strong base on which to build our new Trust.

Each school will retain its own name and much of its independence while benefiting from being part of the Trust. There would also be more opportunities for the children and staff to work together across the schools. For our pupils their day-to-day time in school will see little changes but we will be working together to improve our schools even further.

The Governing Bodies have therefore agreed to consult on the three schools becoming academies and part of our new Trust. This consultation will be open to all, including school's parents, pupils, staff and the wider community and we will be informing you shortly when this will begin.

During this time there will also be the opportunity for parents and members of the community to meet and ask the Senior Leadership Team and Governors questions, and to find out more about our plans.

Kind regards


Alison Nettleship
Headteacher



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