

SHERINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 26th September 2018

Alternative models for the structure and funding of Sherington Primary School Invitation to a presentation and Q&A

Dear parents and carers,

Sherington is an outstanding primary school. Our children make excellent academic progress, as shown by our results, and our broad curriculum fosters creativity and confidence.

We're determined to maintain our high standards, so we can't sit back and let the future take care of itself. The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team are obliged to keep their eyes on the horizon and set a strategic direction in the best interests of the school.

With this in mind, the Governing Body and Senior Leadership team have been reviewing some alternative models for the way the school could in future be structured and funded, to determine how we can best address three ongoing challenges:

1. Our financial stability; unlike many, the school is forecasting a balanced budget to 2020, but we need to look beyond that period.
2. Our ability to recruit, retain and develop high quality staff.
3. Our ability to develop a sustainable model for the school that is resilient to potential changes in the local and national educational landscapes.

Following a careful process of research and investigation, the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team have concluded that these challenges could best be met by:

1. Continuing with our current structure as a Local Authority Maintained School, or
2. Pursuing an alternative state funded model by joining a local Multi Academy Trust.

To explain what each of these alternatives entails, and answer any questions you may have, we have arranged a presentation from an independent education advisor on Wednesday 17th October at 9am. If you would like to attend this presentation, please RVSP using the accompanying attendance slip. For those of you unable to attend, the presentation will be made available on the school website alongside responses to the questions we receive.

After the presentation and Q&A there will be opportunities for parents, carers and other members of the community to share their views with the school. The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team will use this to inform their decision, alongside information gathered to date and from further conversations with representatives from the Local Authority and MATs.

This is an important decision for the school so we will do our utmost to keep you informed throughout the process and to learn from your experience and opinions. The timetable for this discussion and decision is in our hands. However, in order to avoid a period of uncertainty we hope to identify a preferred option before Christmas, whether that is to change our structure or take an active choice that the Local Authority maintained model remains the best alternative for Sherington.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Parker (Chair of Governing Body) and Karen Dennett (Headteacher)



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Please fill in the details below to RSVP for the presentation and hand into the school office.

Name.....

Names of child/ren.....in class/es.....

Signed.....



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