

BARNES FARM INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer,

PROPOSAL TO JOIN CHELMSFORD LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

The school Governing Body has been carefully considering the future strategy for Barnes Farm Infant School given the wider Government policy on education and the running of schools.

Our school is performing well with a current Ofsted judgement of Good. However, in an increasingly challenging educational landscape we recognise that maintaining and improving school performance needs a fresh and sustainable plan. We believe that the proposal below will enable us to provide an even better educational experience for our children at Barnes Farm Infant School.

The proposed plan

With governors and Headteachers from three other local schools we have been investigating the advantages of joining a multi-academy trust with The Boswells School, having already seen some of the benefits of highly effective collaborative working.

The schools' Governing Bodies and Headteachers have developed a proposal to join an emerging multi academy trust, Chelmsford Learning Partnership.

The five member schools would be:

- Barnes Farm Infant School
- Barnes Farm Junior School
- The Boswells School
- Perryfields Infant School
- The Tyrrells School

We are confident that the Chelmsford Learning Partnership would enable each school to build on their existing strengths through even greater collaboration and joint working between member schools.

The proposed multi academy trust would be established in April 2018 by The Boswells School and The Tyrrells School, which are already academies and Barnes Farm Infant and Barnes Farm Junior and Perryfields Infant Schools, which would all convert to academy status.

We have set out in more detail the plan, benefits, vision and management of the proposed Chelmsford Learning Partnership in the attached document. Please take time to read this important document so you can see how this change will benefit your children.

Consultation on the proposed plan

Governors wish to consult with parents, carers, staff, students and the wider school community on the proposal. The consultation will run from Wednesday, October 18th until Friday, November 17th.

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend the meeting on Wednesday 1st November at 5pm at Barnes Farm Junior School.

The Headteacher, Mrs V Walker, Governors and colleagues from the other schools will make a brief presentation before giving you the chance to have any questions answered about what the proposal will mean for our school as well as other schools in the area.

We are also conducting a survey to understand your views before making a final decision in November 2017. The survey form will be distributed after the consultation meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Hards
Chair of Governors

Mrs V Walker
Headteacher