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Dear Parent/Carer

CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL FOR ST PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TO CONVERT TO ACADEMY STATUS AND JOIN A MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

For some time, the Governing Body of St Paul's CofE Aided Primary School has been carefully considering the school's future in a fast-changing and increasingly challenging educational landscape. Governors have spent time researching and undertaking due diligence and now believe that the best plan moving forwards is for St Paul's CofE Aided Primary School to become an academy and join Three Spires Trust.

Our application for academy status has been submitted and will be reviewed at February's Advisory Board meeting. As part of the process, we have a duty to consult with key stakeholders and the information enclosed within this letter is the beginning of that process.

We will be hosting meetings and preparing documents which will help you to understand our proposals, what it means for the school, the staff and children, answer any questions you may have and most importantly, enable you to share your thoughts and ideas.

What is the proposal?

Our school would like to join an existing Multi Academy Trust – Three Spires Trust. The existing academies in the Trust to date are: St Peter's Collegiate Academy, St Regis CE Academy, St Thomas' CofE Primary Academy, The King's CofE Academy Kidsgrove, Hanley St Luke's Primary School, St Giles' & George's Primary Academy and St Michael's CofE Aided Primary School which is due to join on 1 February 2025. To find out more about Three Spires Trust you can log on to their website <https://threespirestrust.org/> or join us at our meeting detailed below.

Why are Governors proposing to join Three Spires Trust?

St Paul's CofE Aided Primary School has an established relationship with Three Spires Trust. The values of the MAT are already aligned with St Paul's CofE Aided Primary School, in particular their ethos around the inclusion of all pupils. Continuing to work with this group of schools is something that governors feel would continue to strengthen and bring stability to our school.

Consultation

Governors are now entering the consultation phase and would like to consult with parents, carers, staff, pupils and the wider community on the proposal for St Paul's CofE Aided Primary School to convert to academy status and join Three Spires Trust.

The consultation period will run from Wednesday 15 January 2025 to Wednesday 12 February 2025. Following consultation, the Governing Body will consider a report on the findings of the consultation at a meeting in February and this will be made available online to all stakeholders via our school website.

**We invite parents to attend a consultation meeting on
Tuesday 28 January at 5pm OR Thursday 6 February at 9am
in the School Hall**

The session will be an opportunity to ask questions about academy status and how this will affect the school. Representatives from Governors, school leadership and Three Spires Trust will be available to talk to you and you will also be able to register your comments, queries and any thoughts on opportunities or concerns. All trade union representatives have also been invited and we hope will be available to answer questions at the same meeting.

We have also prepared some [Frequently Asked Questions](#), which you may find of interest. On the school website we have created an academy consultation area where you will find information as well as an online questionnaire (available from 29th January). Further detail will also be added as it emerges.

In order that we gather as broad and deep a range of opinions as possible, we strongly urge you to participate by attending the organised information session.

You can have your say in the following ways:


- By completing an online feedback survey provided on the school website; a link will be made available on the school website on Wednesday 29 January giving you an opportunity to find out more and read the details we are sharing today
- By asking questions at our meeting
- By emailing: hello@gailkhanassociates.co.uk

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely



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John Gill
Chair of Governors

[Academy Consultation FAQ's](#)