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RE: academisation consultation

Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, the governing body of St Leonard's Primary School are seeking to academise and join The Creative Learning Partnership Trust (CLPT) - an established Multi Academy Trust (MAT) within Staffordshire.

In seeking to convert to an academy, our priority is to ensure we continue to provide a high-quality education for our children at St Leonard's.

The schools that are already part of The Creative Learning Partnership Trust are:

- Hempstalls Primary School
- James Bateman Middle School
- Langdale Primary School
- Manor Hill First School
- Parkside Primary School
- Thursfield Primary School
- Greenhall Special School
- Doxey Academy
- Beaconfields Primary School
- Burleyfields Primary School
- Green Lea First School

Joining a Multi Academy Trust will:

- Improve educational outcomes through shared expertise and specialist support.
- Provide leadership and staff development through trust wide networking, access to CDP and broader career paths.
- Support St Leonard's financial and operational efficiency by providing expertise and support, achieving economies of scale.
- Help us continue in our ambition to ensure that our learning environment is one which is enjoyable and enriching and one where we work with every pupil to nurture their individual abilities and to equip them for success, both academically and in terms of life skills.
- Give us greater freedom in developing the school curriculum to ensure it is personalised to the needs of our pupils whilst ensuring that our focus is on the educational attainment of our pupils.
- Provide economic benefits such as sharing of services as well as being able to benefit from greater buying power as a collective.
- Enable us to support each other as schools as the support from the local authority reduces.

- Increase the flexibility and freedoms around the way in which the school budget and funds are spent in order to best meet the priorities of the school and our pupils.
- Provide opportunities for our staff to develop their skills further and to give them the chance to experience other school environments, should they wish to, which will assist with their own development.

The Creative Learning Partnership Trust:

- Not a 'one size fits all' Trust – meeting the needs of all its schools
- **Has children at the heart of all it does**
- Is research informed and innovative in its decision making
- Harnesses experience to extent impact
- Works collaboratively with schools
- Promotes development and progression with staff
- Is a values-driven organisation
- Believes in a healthy work-life balance

You can learn more about The Creative Learning Partnership Trust by visiting their website:

<https://www.creativelrng.com>

Before proceeding with the conversion, there will be a formal consultation in which we invite you to share your views and ask any questions you may have.

The consultation opens formally from Wednesday 3rd June and is open for 4 weeks with the closing date being Wednesday 1st July. We are holding two meetings in school on **Monday 29th June**; the first meeting is **at 2.30pm** and the second meeting is **at 4.30pm**. We would like to invite you to attend so that you can ask any questions you have about the proposal. The Chief Executive Officer of the Creative Learning Partnership Trust, Sam Compton, will be attending the meeting and will answer questions you may have about the Trust.

We'd like to invite you to read through our answers to FAQs about this consultation, which you can find on our website - <https://www.stleonardsstafford.co.uk/>. We will keep this document updated with questions and answers throughout the consultation period.

If you would like to submit views or questions but cannot attend either meeting, please email into office@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk before Wednesday 1st July. We will provide a written summary of views, questions and answers following the meetings.

This is an exciting opportunity to shape our future and bring about positive change in the way we run our school, develop our character and values, and continue to drive the best outcomes for our pupils. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us as detailed above with any comments and questions you may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C. Phillips

Headteacher

