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Dear Parents/Carers,

ROTHORSTORPE CE PRIMARY ACADEMY CONVERSION PARENT/WIDER COMMUNITY FORMAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING

TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2022 6-7PM – SCHOOL/VILLAGE HALL

At Rothersthorpe CE Primary School, we are always looking at how we can develop our school so that we continue to provide the very best learning opportunities for all our children. Our aim is to maintain all the good and great things that we do, improve where necessary and continue to strive for excellence.

Over the last academic year, the School's Governing Body has been researching all options to help us achieve this aim and, not lightly, we have taken the decision to join an existing Multi Academy Trust (MAT). With the Government's White Paper stating that their intention is for 'every school to be in a strong multi academy trust' we feel that we have timed this decision perfectly.

A MAT is a partnership of schools who work together under a formal agreement for the benefit of all in the partnership. Each school in the MAT benefits from being stronger together, whilst retaining its own leadership and day to day decision making. Academy schools have greater freedom to choose how they apply their funding and resources and design their curriculum. Any changes made will be based upon retaining our core ethos and values, and our commitment to delivering outstanding education for our children.

Other Academy Trusts have been considered, as well as remaining as a Local Authority school and meetings have been held with them to establish a clear understanding of their vision, values and commitment to delivering outstanding education for all children.

The Governing Body has decided to open a period of consultation to consider joining Innovate Multi Academy Trust, (iMAT). The governors agreed that iMAT would have the most positive impact on Rothersthorpe CE Primary School. Being further involved in this Trust will enable the school to further improve the quality of teaching and learning, putting children first and ensuring our values, ethos and core purpose thrive and flourish.

It is the view of the Board of School Governors that this is the best choice for Rothersthorpe CE Primary School.

In order to help inform our final decision, we would like to consult with all parents and stakeholders. We will take all responses into account, alongside the wide range of information we will continue to gather and assess.

The consultation period will commence on Monday April 25th 2022 and will include a Parents and Community Q and A session on Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 6.00pm. The period for all comments to be considered and received will end on Friday 27th May 2022.

Further information on iMAT and MAT's in general can be found at <https://www.innovatemat.org/>

Any decision as to whether to become part of the Innovate Multi Academy Trust has been taken by the full Governing Body based on what is best for our children, our families, our staff and our wider community.

We look forward to hearing your views on the conversion.

Kind regards,

Nicola Fountain

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Head Teacher

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Chair of Governors