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Dear Parents / Carers

9<sup>th</sup> February 2012

## CONSULTATION ON ACADEMY STATUS

You may well be aware, from the press or your own experience of education, that the government is encouraging good and outstanding schools to move to academy status. In the Nottinghamshire area, and in neighbouring authorities, a number of schools have already chosen this option and have either converted or are in the process of converting. In some cases, groups of schools are converting together and forming larger federations. After careful consideration, in exploring these exciting and challenging developments in education, our governors have started a consultation process as to whether Chetwynd Road Primary School should convert to an academy and they would very much welcome your views.

The Governing Body has received information from independent legal sources. The school staff have been consulted. Ultimately the decision must be about securing and maintaining the highest possible educational standards for our children and community, as well as securing what is the best possible provision for our staff.

An Academy is a new type of publicly-funded, all-ability local school, which is free from Local Authority control. As a school judged by OfSTED as 'Good with Outstanding Features' the Governors are permitted to convert if we feel it is the right decision for Chetwynd Road Primary School and its community. It is also an opportunity to further enhance the relationship we have with the George Spencer Academy, as one of its feeder primary schools.

As part of the consultation period, initial meetings have been held with staff and as part of this ongoing process we would like to invite you to attend a parent/carer information evening about Academy conversion where you will have the opportunity to raise any questions or concerns.

**This meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 5pm, in the school hall.**

Present at this meeting will be representatives from Chetwynd Road's Governing Body and the school's Senior Leadership Team.

During the meeting you will have the opportunity to hear about:

- The reasons why we are considering Academy status, and the type of Academy proposed
- The impact for pupils and the curriculum. These issues will range from the children's learning to the uniform remaining as it is
- The effects it will have on our funding arrangements
- The effect for staff employed at school
- The admissions policy for our school and our linked secondary destination school
- Our links with other schools and the local community

**Please could you complete and return the attached form in order that we know how many people will be attending. Thank you.**

If, after reading this initial information, you have any further queries that you would like to raise before the meeting, please complete and return the form attached. You may, of course, raise any additional points at the meeting if you wish. You can also email questions and comments through to the normal office email address [office@chetwyndroad.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@chetwyndroad.notts.sch.uk) .

If you would like to contact the school Governors directly then you may wish to write to Julia Gillard, the Chair of Governors, by sending a letter via the School or email [office@chetwyndroad.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@chetwyndroad.notts.sch.uk)

Following this consultation period, it will then be for the Governors to consider all comments made as part of their final, overall decision which will be taken at the end of the application process when all advice and negotiations have been completed to their satisfaction.

We would like to assure you that Governors have invested a great deal of time and consideration on this matter and will continue to work together with the Head Teacher on this opportunity for our children, whilst maintaining the character and ethos of our School.

Your comments will be considered by the Governors who will meet on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 to make the final decision as to whether to proceed with the conversion process. If we do proceed, conversion will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. This decision will be communicated to parents promptly.

We look forward to receiving your comments and/or seeing you at the meeting.

You will also find a copy of this letter and invitation to make representations on the school's website [www.chetwyndroad.co.uk](http://www.chetwyndroad.co.uk) .

Julia Gillard  
Chair of Governors  
Chetwynd Road Primary School

Graeme Robins  
Headteacher  
Chetwynd Road Primary School

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Please tick	
	I / we <b>WILL</b> be attending the meeting on Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 5pm, in the school hall.
	I / we <b>WILL NOT</b> be attending the meeting on Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 5pm, in the school hall.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Carer of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ class

If you have any further queries that you would like to raise before the meeting, please complete and return the form below **by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012.**

I wish to offer the following query / comment about conversion to Academy status:-