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Dear Parents / Carers

Preliminary Consideration: Multi Academy Trust Status

The Governing Bodies of Charsfield Church of England VC Primary, Dennington Church of England VC Primary and Occold Primary Schools, have been investigating the benefits of joining a Multi-Academy Trust. A working group of Governors and Headteachers from our schools have been investigating joining the All Saints Schools Trust which is comprised of the following 5 founding schools:

- All Saints CE Primary School, Laxfield
- Fressingfield CE Primary School
- St Peter and St Paul CE Primary School, Eye
- Stradbroke CE Primary School
- Wortham Primary School

The appeal of this newly formed, local MAT, is that it would potentially enable our schools to strengthen an already existing local partnership for the benefit of all our pupils. We also recognise that it is government policy that schools should become academies as part of Multi Academy Trusts. So, we want to retain control of the school's future by making a carefully considered decision at the right time.

The Governors have come to the view that joining All Saints Schools Trust would be in the best interests of our school. However, we want to consult with parents, carers, staff and our wider school community to make sure we understand your views.

Therefore, we will be launching a formal consultation starting on Wednesday 18th April 2018. The consultation will run for four weeks. We will provide information explaining the reasons for and benefits of joining the MAT, as well as information on its governance, leadership and management.

There will be a number of parent meetings (as below). Please note that parents from any school are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

Tuesday 8th May 2018

6.00pm Occold Primary School

Wednesday 9th May 2018

2.00pm Dennington CEVC Primary School

6.00pm Charsfield CEVC Primary School

We will also conduct an online survey (paper copies will be available on request) among parents, carers and staff. The survey will go live after the meetings.

More information and frequently asked questions can be found at:
<http://asst.org.uk/consultation>

We want to emphasise that no final decision has been made and it is very much a genuine consultation. The Governing Body will consider the outcome of the consultation at the end of May before making a final decision.

Yours sincerely

Paul Parslow-Williams
Headteacher

Carol Peters
Chair of Governors