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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to update you on the developments regarding the future of Lower Park School. As you may be aware, Lower Park Primary School is currently a Local Authority Maintained School. Recognising the need to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for our pupils, both presently and in the future, the Governors set up a working party to explore the benefits of becoming an Academy. The governors saw clear advantages in academisation. Additionally, the Local Authority's funding difficulties are placing increasing stress on its ability to support its schools while academy trusts are able to offer greatly enhanced support.

The Working Party examined potential partners based on specific criteria, the priority being a similarity of values and culture to Lower Park. Over the past year, we have looked in detail at several local MATs, visited schools, and had informal talks with potential partners. The analysis aimed to identify the most suitable partner to enhance educational opportunities while alleviating administrative burdens on our leadership team, teachers, and support staff. Various possibilities, including both national and local trusts, have been scrutinised by Governors and staff against agreed robust criteria.

After careful consideration, we are pleased to inform you that we have applied to the Department for Education to approve our proposal for Lower Park to join the Fallibroome Multi Academy Trust. Fallibroome is a reputable, local trust currently comprising seven primary schools and three secondary schools, renowned for its commitment to excellence in education.

As part of our commitment to transparency and stakeholder engagement, the Chief Executive Officer of Fallibroome, Jeremy Spencer, is eager to meet with parents and carers to share the vision for the trust and discuss how it can contribute to and further enhance Lower Park and its community. You are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at school, where there will be ample opportunity to pose any questions or concerns you may have.

This meeting forms part of the formal consultation process regarding our conversion to academy status. We invite all parents and carers to share their views and raise any queries they may have by emailing academisationquestions@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

The consultation will run from Thursday 21st March to Friday 3rd May.

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding this consultation, which you can find on our school website <https://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/page/academisation/136544>

We will ensure regular updates to this section of the website to address any additional queries that may arise.

Our priority remains to maintain what is unique, successful, and special about Lower Park while providing high-quality support systems and opportunities for staff that will enhance the provision and outcomes for Lower Park children. We welcome and value your input and participation during this consultation period.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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Clara Kenyon
Chair of Governors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amelia Lomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'L'.

Amelia Lomas
Headteacher