



15 November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer/Stakeholder

The governing bodies of both BCHS and Crosshill have for some time been carefully considering the best future strategy of both schools.

We want to secure and build on the strengths that have resulted in Ofsted judging our schools as 'Good', with the potential to be outstanding, which have supported our young people to achieve some amazing outcomes.

The governing bodies recognise that it is clear that our schools will at some point have to establish partnerships or join a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) in order to work together, create efficiencies and raise standards.

The benefits of this approach include:

- The sharing of good practice
- Opportunities for staff development, succession planning and thus retaining good staff
- Opportunities for flexible staffing resources
- Economic benefits, such as centralised services

The Governing bodies think that the time is right for BCHS and Crosshill to form a Multi-Academy Trust. Our proposal is that BCHS and Crosshill convert to academy status on April 1st 2019 ready for the start of the new financial year.

Consultation

The governing bodies wish to consult with parents, carers, staff and students on the proposal for BCHS with Crosshill to convert to academy status.

The consultation period runs from **Wednesday 14th November 2018 until Friday 14th December 2018.**

The governing body will then consider the responses before making its final decision on the proposal.

You can respond you can do this in a number of ways:

- Complete the attached response form and return to school by post or with your child
- Email your response form to MAT@bchs.co.uk or MAT@crosshill.blackburn.sch.uk
- Complete the form on our website <http://bchs.co.uk/academisation-blackburn-central-high-school-crosshill/>

There is section on our website dedicated to the academy proposal process which contains further information.

If after reviewing the website you have any questions I will be available with some of the governors on **Monday 26th November 2018 between 4:00pm and 5:00pm at BCHS with Crosshill.**

Yours sincerely

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