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### **Exciting Opportunity for Headley Park School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headley Park has an opportunity to work with some of the best schools in Bristol, in an exciting new partnership that will bring great benefits to our children and our whole school community.

You may know that for some time we have worked in close collaboration with local schools as part of the Malago Learning Partnership, and over the past year or so we have been exploring possible opportunities for more formal collaboration as part of a Multi-Academy Trust.

We have been invited, along with some other primary schools we are already in partnership with, to join the Bristol Cathedral Schools Trust (CST). This partnership is made up of some of the strongest schools in the city, who share our values and educational philosophy and are committed to ensuring a rich and broad education for all our children.

We believe that this partnership will work well for Headley Park, because it will not change our identity or what we do on a daily basis, but will provide opportunities for us to share in resources and expertise across a wide range of subjects, including music, in which the Cathedral Choir School excels. We are therefore proposing that Headley Park now completes the process of academy conversion (which we began a couple of years ago but put on hold until the time was right) and to join the Cathedral Schools Multi-Academy Trust. As promised, we have had discussions with a number of schools and different trusts and we believe that this is the best option for us. We are writing to seek your views on this.

This question is of great significance to our school and your views are extremely important to us. I therefore enclose a consultation document which:

- explores the question and explains why the governing body is investigating this option,
- provides information about the Cathedral Schools Trust, and
- provides answers to questions that we have received so far in the process.

#### **Consultation process**

Please let us know what you think about the proposal. You can:

- send any comments by email to [mfredrickson@headleypark.bristol.sch.uk](mailto:mfredrickson@headleypark.bristol.sch.uk) with the heading "Academy consultation"
- deliver any hand written comments to the school reception marked "Academy consultation"
- attend one of our consultation meetings on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9am or 5pm
- attend the coffee meeting with our governors on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8:50am
- arrange a meeting with me and/or one of our Governors by ringing the office or emailing me at [mfredrickson@headleypark.bristol.sch.uk](mailto:mfredrickson@headleypark.bristol.sch.uk)

Please send any responses before 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The governors will review all the comments before completing their detailed review of the MAT proposition and voting on whether or not to go ahead.

With best wishes,

Miriam Fredrickson  
Head Teacher