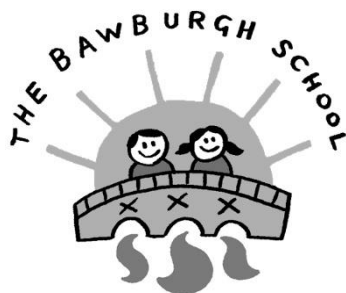


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Dear Parents and Carers,

For a while the governors of the school have been investigating ways of making our school more sustainable. We are very proud of our school and the children within it and want to do all that we can to protect its future. This is even more important following the Government White Paper released in March this year:

([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1063602/Opportunity\\_for\\_all\\_strong\\_schools\\_with\\_great\\_teachers\\_for\\_your\\_child\\_print\\_version.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063602/Opportunity_for_all_strong_schools_with_great_teachers_for_your_child_print_version.pdf)) which states they want all schools to be part of a Multi Academy Trust by 2030. As a result, we are working with the local authority to explore options of a potential partnership with similar local schools. They have advised that Barford Primary School would be interested in exploring the possibility of a partnership with our school. This would mean that Miss Stedman would assume the role of Executive Headteacher across both schools.

There would be many benefits to forming a partnership, including:

- Collaborative working between school staff, sharing expertise which will benefit all children and staff involved.
- Savings to parents in a number of areas for example, less expensive residential/educational visits.
- Sharing of specialist resources across both schools, benefitting from economies of scale.
- Expertise within one school can be shared with the other.
- Opportunities for inter school sports activities
- Shared resources
- Greater opportunity for staff development
- Significant savings for the school budget which will enable more money to be spent on additional resources for each classroom.

This is an option that the governors from both schools are actively investigating, taking into account due diligence. We will be looking at the leadership structure in both schools and what would need to be put in place to enable Miss Stedman to spend time working in and developing both schools. There would be no changes to the day to day running of the schools other than Miss Stedman dividing her time equally between the two schools.

We will keep you informed as we progress through this process.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Chair of Governors

