



10th June 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Academy Consultation Report and Update

Following the recent academy consultation for Birdledge and Shelley First Schools, Kirkburton and Scisett Middle Schools, we are delighted to now be able to share the feedback and final report.

Our formal consultation took place between the 29th February and 10th May and following this period of consultation, we have made the following changes to our initial proposals:

- All four schools are proposing to now convert on the 1st December 2016 (Previously, Kirkburton and Scisett Middle School were intending to convert in September)
- The governance structure has been updated to reflect feedback

On each of the school websites is a copy of the final report and feedback from pupils, parents, staff, governors and stakeholders. Should you require paper copies of any of the documents, please contact the school office and we will ensure a copy is sent on to you.

We have also been consulting on a new name for the Trust and, following a vote involving parents, pupils, staff and Governors, we are delighted to tell you this will be 'The Mast'.

What's next?

Now that the formal consultation period has ended, we will be discussing the feedback at each governing body meeting and agreeing next steps, which will include more detailed work on finance, staffing and the legal aspects of conversion. We will keep you informed and updated as often as we can over the coming weeks and months and, as always, if you have any questions please contact school as we would be happy to respond to any queries.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Johnson: Kirkburton Middle School
Mrs D Knowles: Shelley First School
Mrs N Greenough: Scisett Middle School
Mr J Simmons: Birdledge First School