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Dear Parents

### Consultation to join Multi-Academy Trust

You may be aware that in recent years there have been significant changes to the educational landscape. These changes continue and, as a school, we have been working hard to find the right solution for us in this shifting context. We want to make sure that we take the right decisions to secure the best future for our students, their families and our local community.

We are also aware that the DfE have an expectation that all schools should become part of larger groups and trusts, or Multi Academy Trusts (MATs). Currently, we are one of the few remaining stand-alone secondary academies (SAs) left in Oxfordshire. At this present moment, we have the freedom and autonomy to choose the next steps of our journey ourselves. We want these steps to take us in a direction that will allow us to build on our many existing strengths while maintaining our own, unique identity.

Following careful research and investigation into the wide range of options that may be available to us, the Governing Body has begun a dialogue with one local MAT, River Learning Trust (RLT). The Governors would like to begin a formal consultation process with all stakeholders about our future and the proposal that we should consider joining this particular organisation. More details about the trust can be found at <http://www.riverlearningtrust.org/information/>. River Learning Trust currently consists of a number of local secondary schools, including Chipping Norton School, Kingsdown School, Marlborough Church of England School, The Cherwell School, and Wheatley Park School, together with a number of local primary schools.

We would like to find out what you think about this, as your support is crucial to our continuing success as a school. You are our most important partners in educating your children. Enclosed are answers to some frequently asked questions, which will expand as the consultation progresses. We hope that you will take a few minutes to read the information attached. Also enclosed is a simple form which both allows you to share your views on the proposal and provides an opportunity for you to raise any questions you may have. Please complete and return this to [MATconsultation@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:MATconsultation@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk) by 9am on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

We recognise that you may wish to hear more from River Learning Trust and the school about this proposal, and how any formal collaboration may impact on your child's education. To this end, and to allow you to engage in discussion with us, we propose to hold a meeting on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 6.30pm in the School Hall**. All are welcome to attend. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [MATconsultation@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:MATconsultation@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk) by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

This is potentially an opportunity to move our school forward in a way that will be beneficial for all of our young people. Therefore, we would strongly urge you all to share your views with us.



As members of the Gosford Hill School community we are rightly proud of our school, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and comments.

Yours sincerely



Mr Andy Gauld  
Chair of Governors



Mr Nigel Sellars  
Headteacher

