



Carterhatch Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

After careful discussion the Governing Body has passed a resolution to apply for academy status and for Carterhatch Junior School to join a group of schools called the Enfield Learning Trust.

The Enfield Learning Trust consists of three Enfield Primary schools: Bowes, Chesterfield and Hazelbury, all of which share the common ethos of raising pupil achievement and improving the life chances of all pupils through excellent inclusive practice. We have already been working closely with these schools and have been collaborating as part of the Enfield Teaching School Alliance for some years.

The decision to convert and join the trust is a practical, not an ideological one, and has not been taken lightly. From April the Local Authority will no longer have the capacity and resources to provide the level of school improvement support we've become used to. The strength of the trust will be in sharing excellent practice in teaching, learning and leadership across the schools. We want access to the very best resources to support us in providing the best education for your child. The governors therefore feel that now is the best time for us to take this step and have formally voted to do so, subject to consultation.

We fully intend to continue working in partnership with the Local Authority, as well as with Carterhatch Infant School and other local schools. It is our intention that after conversion the school will continue as normal.

There will be a formal consultation process which will start after our application has been approved by the Department for Education and we will write to you again when this begins.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Barraclough
Headteacher

Alex Monk
Chair of Governors