

Wednesday 2 November 2022

Dear All,

Consultation to Convert to Academy Status

On 19th October I wrote to inform you about the Governing Body's proposal that Dereham Church Infant and Nursery School converts to academy status and joins the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT).

The formal consultation period opened on **Wednesday 19th October 2022 and will remain open until Wednesday 30th November**. Governors want to know what parents and the local community think about this proposal and we arranged a meeting on **Monday 31st October** when both Governors and representatives from DNEAT were present to meet parents, staff and other members of the local community, to listen to your views and to answer questions.

We were also arranging **an online meeting** to take place today, but this has now had to be postponed to **Thursday 17th November at 6.30pm**, for anyone who wishes to talk with representatives of DNEAT and the governors. We will send out details of how to join this virtual meeting in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any specific comments or questions about the academy conversion or what this will mean for our school and children, please contact the Governors by emailing the Chair of Governors at **pwaller62r5@nsix.org.uk** and quoting "DCINS Academy Consultation". We look forward to receiving your responses.

After the consultation period ends on Wednesday 30th November, the Governing Body will consider all of the feedback and views received and will then make the final decision on whether to complete the academisation process. We will write to inform you of our decision.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia T Waller
Chair of Governors