



Layton Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Clucas
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clare Scott

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Dear Stakeholders and Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, the governing body of Layton Primary School are exploring options in relation to converting to academy status. We have applied for an academy order from the Department for Education, giving permission to start this process.

In seeking to convert to an academy, our priority is to ensure we continue to provide a high-quality education for our pupils for many years to come. We believe joining the right academy trust will provide the freedom to make effective financial decisions and drive school improvement, securing our future as a provider of high quality education. The world of education is ever moving forward, and the challenges of maintaining high standards, as we have done for many years, are ever increasing. Therefore, myself and the governors are now seeking ways to ensure the high quality education children receive at Layton can be embedded and secured long into the future.

We are proposing to join Sea View Trust. This is an established trust which supports several Blackpool schools; Anchorsholme Academy, Devonshire Primary Academy, Revoe Learning Academy, and Park Community Academy are all well-established members of Sea View Trust.

The governors of Layton Primary School, myself and staff are very strong in the view that in joining any academy trust, the qualities which make Layton unique should be preserved, celebrated and developed. We have agreed that any potential MAT (Multi Academy Trust) would need to be relatively small, with a strong local presence. Any MAT should offer support for the continued growth and development of Layton Primary School, create excellent opportunities to enable our staff to develop their skills, and provide autonomy within a supportive structure, so that we may continue to run our school as successfully as we have done in the past. After several meetings with the Central Team and Sea View, we are now exploring the opportunities and benefits that joining can offer.

Before proceeding with the conversion, there will be a formal consultation in which we invite you to share your views and ask any questions you may have. There are a number of ways you can take part in this consultation: either via google form - <https://tinyurl.com/3n9n5jv6> - or by expressing your thoughts via email at SeaViewConsultation@layton.blackpool.sch.uk. Please take time to view the FAQ (Frequently asked questions) before responding.

The consultation will take place between the 22nd June and 12th July and we are keen to ensure all relevant parties are able to contribute to the discussion.





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We'd like to invite you to read through our answers to FAQs about this consultation, which you can find separately on parent app and our website, <https://www.layton.blackpool.sch.uk>. You may also wish to explore Sea View Trust via their website, <https://theseaviewtrust.co.uk>. We will be looking to regularly update the school web pages with any further questions and answers which may arise.

Following closure of the formal consultation process, the governing body will meet to consider next steps and we will inform you of these as soon as is practicable.

This is an exciting opportunity to shape our future and bring about positive change in the way we develop our school, preserve our character and values, and continue to drive the best outcomes for our pupils. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us as detailed above with any comments and questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Clucas

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Head teacher

