## **DISLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## MAT CONSULTATION

Thank you to all parents who recently attended our open consultation meeting on joining the True Learning Partnership (**TTLP**) Multi-Academy Trust (**MAT**). For those who couldn't attend the presentation we have put a copy of it up on the school website. We will continue to post information <u>here</u> so that we keep parents informed.

Please continue to send your questions in about the MAT consultation currently ongoing for the school to the following address: <u>academyconversion@disley.cheshire.sch.uk.</u> Parents' views are very important to us and I would like to reassure you that no decision has been made. The governors see great value in the opinions of our parents and consider their collaboration during this consultation process as vital. The governors will give everything very careful consideration to be sure that the best decision is made for the school and the children. Should the school enter into a MAT, the governors feel that the TTLP trust is the most favourable option as it is:

- based around a known community working together for the benefit of that community. Many other Trusts are spread across a large area
- working with schools who know us and would work with us to enable us to keep our unique identity as a school community; and
- allows us to maintain ownership and be involved in the early stages of the Trust's growth so that we play a real pivotal part in shaping its future.

Unfortunately, other Trusts in the locality will not give us these options as they have differnt principles and aims .

We can of course still choose to stay as a maintained local authority school. Although the immediate future is known if we take this option, with over half of Cheshire East primary schools already entered into MATs, Cheshire East local authority is pulling back its resources and support for schools, an effect we are already experiencing on many levels.

At the conclusion of the consultation period on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, and having weighed up all of the options, the governors have the decision to make to ensure that we do the right thing now and for the long-term future of our children and Disley Primary School.

Please also feel free to contact any of the governors if you wish to raise any matters with them directly. They are listed on the website <u>here</u>, and can be contacted directly or by email c/o the consultation email address: <u>academyconversion@disley.cheshire.sch.uk</u>

Thank you for your ongong support.

Kind regards,

Heather Taylor









