

Charter Primary School
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Thursday 28th March 2024

Academisation Consultation

Dear Parents, Carers and other Stakeholders,

We are writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, the governing body of Charter Primary School are seeking to convert to an academy.

In seeking to convert to an academy, our priority is to ensure we continue to provide a high-quality education for our pupils. We believe joining an academy trust will provide the freedom to make effective financial decisions, securing our future and driving improvement.

Following several months of due diligence, the decision has been made to look to join the Athelstan Trust. Whilst this is a decision for Charter Primary School, we have been completing the due diligence alongside both King's Lodge primary school and Abbeyfield secondary school, both of which are also looking to join the trust.

Athelstan are a Multi-Academy Trust of five secondary schools and two primary schools in Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire. They were established in 2015 and are responsible for the education of over four thousand students. The Athelstan Trust aims to achieve the best for, and from, each child. They intend to enable each child to realise their full academic, creative and physical potential and to develop positive social and moral values.

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. The consultation period will run from Thursday 28th March until Thursday 9th May 2024.

There are a number of ways you can take part in this consultation:

We will be holding a meeting for parents, carers and stakeholders who wish to attend on Monday 15th April at 0900 and again at 1730 at Abbeyfield School where we, alongside Dr Tim Gilson, CEO of The Athelstan Trust will be on hand to answer any questions. If you would like to attend and /or have any comments or questions that you would like to raise then please use the form on the following link

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Mft2h_d3R0GfJKfF8OC1ejlaCI0urMFJqFOfmK9oo9FUMkdPN1dBTDVaV0xYMENVNkwwREpCVE1TSC4u

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We are also in the process of compiling some FAQs with answers about this consultation which will be added to our website www.charter.wilts.sch.uk. We will look to regularly update this area of the school website with any further questions that have been asked, and their answers.

This is an exciting opportunity to shape our future and bring about positive change in the way we run our school, develop 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.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Flack
Headteacher

Kelvin Wells
Chair of Governors