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Monday 10th March

Dear parents/carers,

As we continue with this busy spring term, we wish to update you on some important school matters.

You are aware that we, St. John's C E Primary School, are currently proud members of the Queen Elizabeth Grammar Multi-Academy Trust (QEGSMAT). As a church school within the Diocese of Lichfield, we are required to be part of a church MAT which QEGSMAT will soon no longer be, therefore due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to remain in this MAT.

Over the past few months, several Governors and staff met with representatives of The Moorlands Primary Federation (TMPF). This primary school Trust includes a number of schools local to us including St. Werburgh's C E Primary School in Kingsley. The Trust currently has nine schools with plans to become twelve by the end of the Spring term. The majority of their schools are Anglican, like ourselves, most of the schools are rural, village schools, again, like ourselves and our children regularly mix through the Cheadle and District Schools Sports Association (CADSSA). We believe their vision and values very much align with our own and we see ourselves benefitting from membership of their Trust, and also to contributing to their Trust.

Our Governing Body has been given permission by Staffordshire Local Authority and the Lichfield Diocese to join The Moorlands Primary Federation and we are now in the process of seeking permission from the Department for Education. As you can imagine, the process of moving from one Multi-Academy Trust to another is complex and takes time. QEGSMAT will continue to work closely with use through the transfer process.

As part of the transfer process, we wish to seek your views and feedback. We plan to do this via a meeting in school on **Thursday April 3rd at 5.30pm**.

This will be an opportunity to meet with the representatives of The Moorlands Primary Federation to ask any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you are most welcome to submit questions via the office email, or write them on the return slip below and they will be asked at meeting. We have already established that there will not be significant changes to our school, such as the name or uniform - the Trust are keen to celebrate and promote the uniqueness of our wonderful school.

We will continue to keep you updated with how the transfer process is developing. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Mrs Lisa Rhodes
Chair of Governors

Mrs Sarah Stone
Headteacher

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I would like to attend the meeting on Thursday 3rd April and would like seats reserving.

Name:

I am unable to attend the meeting, but have the following question/s:

SHINE like the star you are.