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Dear St Wilfrid's

PROPOSAL TO JOIN THE HURST EDUCATION TRUST

We wrote to you on 11 January setting out the governors' proposal, following an extensive due diligence exercise, that our school convert to academy status by joining the Hurst Education Trust. That letter included some information about the Trust and about academy status - and invited stakeholders to meetings held on 18 January.

The governors are very grateful to the school community who attended the meetings. Tim Manly and Darren Carpenter from the Hurst Education Trust outlined the way the Trust will work with and support local schools, and the support that St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School could benefit from if we join. We are pleased so many stakeholders have engaged with the proposals; rightly, a good number of questions were raised at the meetings and submitted through the online feedback form. These questions were answered in the *St Wilfrid's Consultation Questions* document which can be found on our school website alongside the *Academisation Frequently Asked Questions* document.

The consultation closes on 8 March and governors will meet shortly after this date to decide whether to continue with the proposal. We encourage all stakeholders to use the feedback form to tell us what you think about the proposed conversion, including whether you support the proposal or otherwise.

Governors and staff are determined to secure the best possible future for our school and to enable the whole school community to grow and develop. Your feedback will greatly assist us in our understanding of the community's views and enable us to take this fully into account when making decisions.

You can find the survey [here](#) or using the QR code below.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

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