



Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Families and Members of Our Wider School Community,

**Formal Consultation on the Proposed Conversion of The Hive Federation of Brundall and St William's Primary Schools to academies and to join Clarion Corvus Trust**

We are writing to inform you that the Governing Body of the Hive Federation has taken the decision to consult on a proposal to convert our schools to academies and, as a Federation, to join the Clarion Corvus Trust (CCT).

The Governing Board has spent considerable time looking in to the benefits of becoming academies and, if we were to do so, which Multi Academy Trust to join. They have also considered the risks that might come with this as well as the benefits and risks of not doing so. Throughout this time, they have been clear that the distinct nature of each school, rooted in and serving their local communities, must not change. Everything positive that makes our two schools what they are will remain the same; joining a MAT must only add additional support and resource, not change the way we do things. The Governors are determined to protect and enshrine the individual character and ethos of our schools.

Over the last few years, the financial situations in schools has become more difficult to manage. We are faced with cuts to funding for children with additional needs and with the prospect of falling rolls. Many of the services around our schools have been reduced. Being part of a larger organisation, with the economies of scale and expertise this can bring, could help support us through these difficult times and secure the quality of our provision in our schools and for our families. Being part of a larger family of schools can also bring opportunities for collaboration and learning, ensuring staff are well trained and well supported.

In order to give you more details about this and to answer any questions you may have, school leaders, Governors and representatives of CCT are holding two open meetings, one held at each school. These meetings are on:

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm at St William's Primary School  
and on  
Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm at Brundall Primary School**

More details about the consultation can be found on our websites at the following links:

If you have any questions about this consultation or have any feedback on it, please email these to [consultation@thehivefederation.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@thehivefederation.norfolk.sch.uk). At the end of the consultation period, the Governing Board will consider all the views and opinions that have been expressed both by email and at the open meetings.



Yours sincerely,

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