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## **An update on our Academisation**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I wanted to write to you and provide a brief update on the current stage of our Academisation with the Rowan Learning Trust.

I had hoped that this update would be a celebration, providing you with a formal date for our conversion; however, as is often the case in education, the wheels do not always turn as quickly as we would like.

The latest position is that the Regional Schools Commissioner, the body with responsibility for approving Academisations, has approved the conversion, but has requested some additional information from the Trust. This is not unusual. However, the Regional Schools Commissioner was not timely in their request for this information, hence the delay in our preferred conversion date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs Broom and the team, along with the Trust and the Local Authority, have completed all the due diligence processes and consultation and everything is in place to convert once we have an agreed date. Therefore, whilst this delay is frustrating, it is not concerning.

We know, and have shared, the benefits that joining with the Rowan Learning Trust will bring to our pupils, in multiple ways. Whilst we await the conversion, we will continue to collaborate with the Trust to further strengthen the professional bonds we have been forming. We know our staff and the children's curriculum are already benefiting from collaboration with other like-minded professionals, and this will only continue to enhance the offering for your child(ren).

I will keep you informed of the progress towards Academisation as and when I know more. However, should you have any questions or queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Kev

Mr Kevin Unsworth