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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of our School Community,

The Headteacher and Local Governing Board are pleased to inform you that we have begun the process of exploring academisation and intend to apply to join The Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust (BFLPT).

This represents an exciting opportunity for our school to become part of a family of schools committed to delivering the very best educational experiences and outcomes for children and young people. Through this proposal, we would join a growing group of Nottingham City schools working collaboratively with the Trust, sharing expertise, resources and opportunities for both pupils and staff.

Over recent years, schools have faced increasing challenges. Whilst we continue to value our relationship with the Local Authority and NST, the level of support available to schools has reduced significantly. Financial pressures across local government have inevitably impacted the capacity of the Local Authority to provide the breadth and depth of services that schools have traditionally relied upon.

As a result, school leaders are increasingly required to source support independently, manage more complex statutory responsibilities and respond to growing educational demands without the level of resource that was previously available. This places considerable pressure on leadership teams and can divert valuable time and energy away from what matters most: improving outcomes for children.

By joining The Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust, we believe we can secure stronger long-term support, increased capacity and greater opportunities for collaboration, whilst ensuring that school leaders can remain focused on providing the highest quality education for our pupils.

What Will Change for Pupils and Families?

For pupils and parents, the simple answer is: **very little.**

Children will continue to attend the same school, be taught by the same staff and wear the same uniform. The school's values, ethos and identity will remain at the heart of everything we do.

Importantly:

- The school's leadership team will remain in place.
- The Local Governing Board will continue to represent the interests of the school and community.
- The school will retain autonomy over its curriculum, teaching and learning approaches.

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- Staffing structures and day-to-day operations will continue to be managed by the school.
- Existing relationships with parents, carers and the wider community will remain unchanged.

Academisation is about strengthening the support available to the school rather than changing the character of the school itself.

The Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust has a strong reputation for supporting schools whilst recognising and preserving their individual identity.

The Trust's approach is based upon collaboration. Schools work together to share expertise, develop staff, strengthen leadership capacity and create wider opportunities for pupils. This collective approach enables schools to benefit from the support of a larger organisation, whilst retaining the aspects of school life that make each school unique.

As part of the Trust, our pupils would benefit from enhanced educational opportunities, staff would have access to wider professional development, and our leaders would receive additional support through a network of experienced educational professionals.

We believe this is a positive and exciting step for the future of our school. Joining The Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust would provide increased stability, stronger school-to-school collaboration and greater capacity to continue improving outcomes for all children and young people.

We would value your feedback and engagement as part of this process. We therefore invite all parents, carers and members of our school community to complete a short Microsoft Forms questionnaire, which will help us understand the level of awareness and support for the proposal. The form also provides an opportunity to indicate whether you would like to participate in a future consultation meeting where further information will be shared and questions can be discussed. The questionnaire can be accessed here: Proposed Academy Conversion: Parent Consultation Southglade Primary School – Fill out form. We encourage all stakeholders to take a few moments to complete the form and share their views.

We are committed to keeping parents, carers and stakeholders informed throughout the consultation process and will provide further information and opportunities for engagement as plans progress, she Governors decide this is the correct direction of travel. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Alison Thomas
Headteacher

On behalf of the Local Governing Board

Mark Cotterill
Chair of Governors

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