

Announcement

Moorside Community Primary School

On Friday 27th July 2018 at an Extraordinary Governing Body Meeting it was unanimously agreed that Moorside Community Primary School would change their school category from a Community to a Foundation School and acquire Trust status as part of the West End Schools Trust (WEST)

The planned date of change is the 1st November 2018\* (or as soon as possible thereafter).

This decision is based on the school having undertaken an informal and formal consultation including a Statutory Notice dated the 29th June 2018.

In making the decision, governors believed that the change of category and the acquisition of Trust Status in partnership with the WEST schools would:

* Provide an increased range of experiences for both pupils and staff
* Offer enhanced provision for very able pupils (with increased learning challenge) and less able pupils (with increased learning support)
* Deepen collaboration on a range of mutually beneficially developments
* Enhance provision for children and young people through the involvement of partners from the business, higher education, health and arts sectors
* Develop shared facilities and support services, thus benefitting from economies of scale and the ability to tailor services to meet our priorities.

The governors believe that Moorside will benefit by this new partnership and will be supported by the Trust who will work together to improve the standards, outcomes, opportunities and services for children, young people and their families within the WEST community of Newcastle. The Governors along with the Head Teacher believe strongly that by working together they can achieve significantly more than they can achieve working alone. As a member of an established Trust, Moorside would continue to be part of the Newcastle Local Authority family of schools and the change of category will in addition allow them to be supported by a charitable trust.

The Governing Body and Head Teacher are excited about these proposals and feel that this change will improve outcomes for pupils by creating the capacity to build on the school’s current strengths.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been involved in this process, especially those parents and pupils that have taken the time to respond to our consultation and WEST Trust who have welcomed us into their established Trust. We look forward to this new chapter at Moorside.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs L Hall Mr B Clark

Head Teacher Acting Vice Chair

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NB \*Proposed implementation is 1st November 2018, if date is changed all parties will be informed