1st November 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils, Staff and Stakeholders,

**Announcement Prescribed Alteration to School Status – Moorside Primary School**

Following the consultation process including a statutory notice, Moorside has acquired Trust status and joined the West End Schools Trust (WEST) from the 1st November 2018. We will now be known as Moorside Primary School.

WEST Trust is an established Foundation and we will be joining the following schools:

* Bridgewater School,
* Broadwood Primary School
* Canning Street Primary School
* Hawthorn Primary School
* St. John’s Primary School
* Wingrove Primary School and

St. Paul’s C of E Primary School, a voluntary-aided school, works as a full partner in the trust.

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 will also become responsible for the admissions policy and will use criteria within the requirements of the National Schools Admissions Code. The local authority will continue to administer the application process.

The Trust will hold the land and capital assets in Trust for the schools although the Governing Body will retain day-to-day responsibility for managing these assets in the same way that they do now.

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,





Mrs L Hall Mr B Clark

Head Teacher Chair of Governors

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