



7th February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Exploration of whether to form a multi-academy trust involving Hall Green Secondary School, Kings Norton Girls' School, and Swanshurst School

The Governing Bodies of Hall Green Secondary School, Kings Norton Girls' School, and Swanshurst School have agreed to undertake detailed evaluation about whether to form a multi-academy trust. At this stage it is only exploration. Final decisions would only be taken after due diligence and consultation.

While each school is high performing and successful now, our Governors and leadership teams share a commitment to seeking opportunities to improve further in the future. A period of detailed evaluation allows us to explore and analyse the potential of a multi-academy trust to be the basis of a successful shared future.

It is important to emphasise that this exploration is being undertaken through choice and because we collectively want the best for the young people that we serve. If a multi-academy trust were to be formed, it would build on the strengths of our schools.

The three schools are not looking to align practical aspects of school such as the timing of the school day, uniform, the school year – or to our cultures of high expectations of staff and students. Any changes to these practical aspects would be the decision of the school and not the Multi Academy Trust.

At this stage we are only exploring. If Governors decide that there is merit in proposing a multi-academy trust, there would be public consultation with our communities. We anticipate that the consultation would take place during the second half of the summer term at the earliest. If the Governing Bodies then decide to proceed, we anticipate that the multi-academy trust would be formed during spring 2025 although that timing is only indicative at this stage.

Your sincerely,

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