



Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Developing a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) – an update

As you are aware the Governing Body have been considering Backwell School joining the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) to strengthen and develop educational partnerships to benefit students in the local area.

I can now inform you that, following an extraordinary meeting of the Board of Governors last night, the Governing Body agreed a resolution for Backwell School to join the Lighthouse Schools Partnership with effect from 1 January 2018.

This is a hugely important decision and has been made, as you would expect, after an incredible level of scrutiny and care by the Governing Body. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents who took part in the consultation process and I am confident that joining the LSP will be of great benefit to our school.

You may remember that a number of local primary schools namely: Backwell CE VC Junior School, West Leigh Infant School, Flax Bourton CE VC Primary School, Yatton CE VC Infant School, Yatton CE VC Primary School, Northleaze CE VC Primary School, Grove Junior School and Hannah More Infant School are also considering joining the LSP with Backwell School to form a 'Backwell Hub'. These partner primaries will be making their decisions on the LSP over the coming weeks.

I am extremely pleased that we are joining an organisation that has, at its heart, a very strong core of values around education that are shared with Backwell School and enshrined in the Backwell Charter. Joining the LSP will allow us to carry on working in this school with great autonomy while being able to benefit from close links with local primary schools and support and challenge from like-minded secondary colleagues.

Above all, this is a fantastic development for the young people in the local area who will, in the future, be able to benefit from a fully joined-up 3-19 education based on a shared ethical commitment.

Kind regards

Mr J Nunes
Headteacher