

31st October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Further to my last letter to you before half term, I am pleased to inform you that we have now met with each of the eight Wakefield based academies within WCAT and spent some time working with the senior leaders and members of staff discussing the needs of each academy moving forward. This has all been undertaken during what the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) has called the 'listening period' where stakeholders can share their views on the potential trusts.

In my last letter to you, I stated that I wouldn't be able to meet with you to discuss the particular actions we would consult on for each academy until the RSC had decided if we were the definite sponsor within the original timeframe we were given to undertake this exercise. I understand that this clearly presents you as parents/carers with a difficulty: how can you comment on Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT) as the potential sponsor when you haven't had the opportunity to meet us and hear about our work? I am now pleased to inform you that the listening period has been extended from 7th November until 12th November and therefore we can now provide an opportunity for you to meet us to hear a generic presentation about OGAT.

There will be secondary-specific and primary-specific events, where we will explain our approach to school improvement and support for each phase and provide you with an opportunity to ask questions. Of course, should we become the actual sponsor then we will also hold a meeting for you to attend at the relevant academy which will be specific about our work in your child's school going forward. Clearly, this can only be arranged if we are the actual sponsor and so I hope you will take the opportunity to meet with us prior to the listening period closing so that you can make an informed response to the RSC should you wish to do so.

The table below outlines the dates and times for the events, which will be held at **Outwood Grange Academy:**

Monday 6 th November 2017	Presentation 1 5.30pm-6.30pm	Primary parents/carers
	Presentation 2 7.00pm-8.00pm	
Wednesday 8 th November 2017	Presentation 1 5.30pm-6.30pm	Secondary parents/carers
	Presentation 2 7.00pm-8.00pm	
Thursday 9 th November 2017	Presentation 1 5.30pm-6.30pm	Secondary parents/carers
	Presentation 2 7.00pm-8.00pm	

In order for us to manage demand and make appropriate arrangements on site, we request that you complete the online booking form, indicating which presentation you will be attending and how many people will be in your party. The online booking form can be accessed by visiting the following website:

events.outwood.com

Please be aware that whilst we can facilitate a large number of cars on site, parking is nonetheless limited and if possible, we would appreciate if you could car share. It is important that you bring a copy of your ticket confirmation with you on the evening.

We look forward to meeting you next week.

Yours faithfully

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