



Lostock Hall Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers, & Staff

At a meeting of the school Governing Body on 9 February 2021 it was decided to:

- change school category from Community to Foundation; and
- to establish a charitable Trust named Axia Learning Alliance, which is a co-operative membership trust with effect from 1 April 2021.

This is in line with the consultation and published statutory proposal.

The decision was taken as the Governing Body believe the Alliance will raise standards through the creation of a platform for on-going improvement. The resources and expertise brought to the Alliance by the partners will strengthen strategic leadership, increase support and challenge and consolidate effective monitoring, thereby promoting improvement in outcomes for pupils.

The mutual co-operative nature of the membership trust with its high levels of stakeholder involvement and accountability will greatly assist in further raising the profile of education across our community and lead to enhanced community cohesion.

This decision followed a wide consultation process during which all relevant parties were consulted and consultation meetings were held for pupils, staff, parents and the general public. The unions and trade associations were also consulted. Statutory guidance was followed and the views of those consulted were considered by the Governing Body prior to the required Statutory Proposal being published. All representations made in response to the Statutory Proposal were considered prior to the Governing Body deciding to proceed to implementation.

The school will continue to be run and managed by the Governing Body as before with the additional benefit of Alliance nominated Governors and our partners to assist us in our future developments.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Joanne Leach

Chair of the Governing Body.