

Opportunity, Motivation & Success

Ovingham Middle School

Ovingham, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 6DE

Headteacher: Mr A Bennett



Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware over the last year nine schools from our local partnership have applied to the DFE to begin the process of converting to academy status as part of the Tyne Community Learning Trust. Unlike a stand-alone academy, a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) is a single charitable company with an overarching board of directors across a number of schools. It is the responsibility of the MAT to form a strong, strategic, collaborative approach, with shared accountability, to improve and maintain high educational standards across the communities. The schools who are working together to form the MAT are

Highfield Middle School;
Mickley First School;
Ovingham C of E First School;
Ovingham Middle School;
Prudhoe Castle First School;
Prudhoe Community High School;
Whittonstall and Broomley Federation of First Schools; and
Wylam First School.

We are clear that our vision is to provide the best quality of education for all, and in doing so maintain our unique identity. We want to inspire excellence for our children, to improve outcomes for all and to continue to ensure that Ovingham Middle School remains at the heart of our community. Governors of Ovingham Middle School have been exploring how best to continue to improve the experience and resources offered to our children.

We have written this letter by way of an update on our current position. All nine schools have been granted their academy conversion order. This means each school is able to begin the process of conversion but the process will not be complete until a final conversion order is signed. Currently all 9 schools are working together to establish TCLT as an entity, our intended completion date is by the end of the spring term 2019. There will be a significant amount of work in the meantime, but on a day to day basis pupils and parents should not notice a difference to each school.

We will keep our whole community updated on progress towards conversion over the coming months. In the meantime if you have any queries or questions, please contact your school who will be pleased to help.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A Bennett', written over a horizontal line.

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