

22nd September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Proposed Academy Conversion of Brooklands Primary School

As you are aware, earlier this year the school governing body voted to consult on converting Brooklands Primary School to Academy Status.

The conversion was due to go ahead this term and over the Summer term there has been regular communication between the Northworthy Trust, the Department for Education and the Regional Schools Commissioner. As a result of this communication, it appears that there has been a slight shift in government policy regarding the “academisation” of schools.

Following a meeting with the Northworthy Trust earlier this week, governors have been informed that the Trust has not been given approval to expand into the primary phase this year. This means that Brooklands is, for the time being, unable to join the Northworthy Trust. Therefore, Brooklands conversion to academy status will not happen this year. However, governors are keen to remain open minded and have agreed to review the school’s position next summer. Parents will, of course, remain informed of the situation.

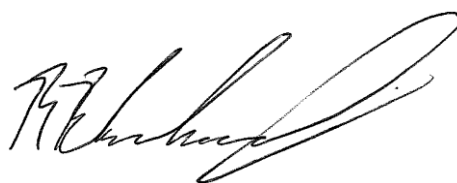
All of the staff and governors at Brooklands remain committed to further improving and developing Brooklands and will ensure that any future decisions taken, are done so in the best interest of our children and families.

If you have any further queries about this, governors will be attending the ‘Meet the Team’ event at school on Friday 29th September at 9am. We look forward to meeting with you then.

Yours sincerely,



Ms. C. Hathaway (Headteacher)



Mr. R. Blanchard (Chair of Governors)