



PRIORSLEE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers at Queenswood,

As you may be aware the Governors at Queenswood Primary School and Nursery have expressed an interest in joining our Multi Academy Trust (MAT) and so I am writing to introduce ourselves to you.

I would like to start by introducing myself; I am Steve Tilley, and I am very proud to be the Executive Principal of Priorslee Multi Academy Trust. We are a small trust and all of our staff, including myself, pride ourselves on our close working relationships with our families. We work hard to get to know each of our children individually and, in this way, ensure that the learning provided for them is what they need to help them make good progress. All of staff work hard to ensure that the learning experience provided for the children is the best it can possibly be. We are really excited at the prospect of Queenswood joining our MAT and I hope, from this brief overview, that you will agree your joining our MAT will bring many benefits to Queenswood. It is the aspirations of your Governors and ourselves that membership will provide greater financial security that comes through being part of a larger organisation; membership will provide opportunities for the staff at Queenswood to work in partnership with the talented team of school leaders in the MAT; and membership will provide access to a wider range of resources to enhance learning and support the staff.

At present our MAT comprises of two primary schools, Priorslee Academy and Buildwas Academy. The Trust started with Priorslee, which converted to academy status back in 2011 and as such has developed considerable expertise in managing an academy effectively and ensuring that the benefits and freedoms that come from how academies do things are used to continually improve the learning experience for the children. We would hope to build on the rapid improvement in standards achieved by Mr Ferriday and the staff at Queenswood in recent times.

Buildwas joined our MAT in 2016 at the request of Shropshire County Council and in that time, and through working closely with the parents and community there, managed to turn a failing school in danger of closing into an increasingly popular, thriving and successful school that received a resounding 'good' judgement from Ofsted in January 2019. Throughout this journey the unique character of the school was maintained, as a MAT we do not believe in creating a 'one size fits all' brand identity, and these has contributed to Buildwas' continued and growing popularity. When Buildwas joined us, it was a school in special measures with less than 40 children, now that number has risen to over 90. This has been achieved through ensuring the best quality staff are employed there and through focussing on the little details, like ensuring that the children have opportunity to have a quality hot dinner at lunch times, and that the curriculum is relevant, interesting, and fun for the children.

If you would like to find out more about both Buildwas and Priorslee please visit their websites at <http://www.priorsleeprimaryacademy.com/> and <http://www.buildwasacademy.com/>.

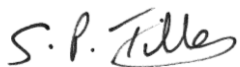
I understand this letter provides only a brief introduction to Priorslee Multi Academy Trust and that you may well have many more questions about the process. In less extraordinary times we would aim to hold a consultation meeting with parents to answer some of the more general and specific questions about conversion to academy status. As this is currently not possible please use the link below to submit any questions you may have and we will endeavour to answer these in future correspondence.

The last twelve months have seen many changes, not all of them positive, but at Priorslee we are committed to working with our member schools to retain their unique character and what makes them special, making changes only that improve the quality of the learning experience for the children. Everyone at the MAT and myself look



forward to getting to know the Queenswood community and working together with you to make sure that the school continues to thrive and maintains its place at the heart of the community.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Tilley
Executive Principal
Priorslee Multi Academy Trust

