



# Waterfield Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Waterfield Primary to join The Collegiate Trust

We wanted formally to let you know that on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, Waterfield Primary will convert to become an academy and will join The Collegiate Trust. This is an exciting development for our school and the wider community, which will build on the improvements that helped us to achieve our *Good* outcome with OFSTED last year, and to create an outstanding school for our pupils.

You will not necessarily notice anything different on 1<sup>st</sup> March; although staff will from that point be employed by the Trust rather than West Sussex, and the Trust will also take over legal responsibility for the school, our day-to-day work will continue as it has done so far this academic year. The Trust has been working closely with the school since well before Christmas; Mrs Rebecca Strange, one of the Trust's *Directors of School Improvement* has been delivering staff training, and working particularly with Year 6; colleagues have also been working together on new business and financial management arrangements. Therefore the school is ready for this new partnership, which will provide the support to help drive standards towards *outstanding*.

The new Local Governing Body (LGB) will meet for the first time in early March and will appoint a new Chair. This LGB is crucial for making sure that the school reflects and represents the needs of its community. The Trust is still looking for a couple of local people to appoint as Trust Governors who could help to make a difference to our school. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please do contact the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our school, and for the contributions many of you made as we were considering the academy conversion.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kaye Gilzene

Headteacher

Mr Gordon Smith

CEO

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