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REF: Queensbury School Academisation and School Improvement Parents' Consultation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Further to correspondence in November 2018, which outlined that The Regional Schools Commissioner Board has agreed for Wilson Stuart School to be the sponsor for both Mayfield and Queensbury Schools in becoming Academies. The Multi Academy Trust for Wilson Stuart School is called **The Education Impact Trust**. When formed, it is planned that the MAT will consist of Wilson Stuart, Mayfield and Queensbury Schools and also the 19-25 Hive College. All of the schools involved will retain their own Governing Body and local management, but in addition there will be an Executive Head Teacher and a Board of Trustees who will have overall responsibility for the quality and standards of all of the schools within the MAT.

Queensbury School, after it's **Section 5 Ofsted visit in March 2018** has an '**Academies order**' placed on the school. This ultimately means there is a legal order for the school to convert into an Academy under the 2010 Academies act. The Regional School Commissioner acts as a broker and in October 2018 determined that **The Education Impact Trust** (Wilson Stuart School) **would be the sponsoring partner**.

Since November 2018, the school has been in a period of **due diligence**. During this time, The Education Impact Trust and Birmingham City Council have been undertaking a forensic audit of the school. Buildings, land, assets, contracts, finance etc have all been scrutinised. This is a similar process to a thorough house survey, when buying a new house. The conversion timeline of Queensbury School is complicated as it is dependent on a number of variables and like a house survey can shift overtime.

I would like to hold a consultation for parents **on Tuesday, 7th May 2019 at 5.30pm, **Queensbury School (Main Hall)**. This will give an opportunity to update on current progress and raise any questions you may have.**



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The school has also been receiving support from Wilson Stuart School. This is **separate** to the academisation process. The support has been commissioned by the Local Authority and IEB (Interim Executive Board) to stabilise the school in the long-term absence of the Head teacher, improve standards and make significant progress on the Post Ofsted Action Plan. The school had a Section 8 monitoring visit from HMI Tim Hill (Ofsted) in January 2019. This was published on the 12th February 2019 and can be found on the web: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/103616> .The report highlighted the significant recent progress the school had made since November 2018. Whilst progress has been made, there is still a lot to do to ensure your child / children get the highest standards of education provision. The IEB, school, staff and wider stakeholders are committed to ensuring this happens at pace. An update on progress made will be given at the meeting.

I am sure this development will provide exciting opportunities and a very bright future for our students and future. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact myself.

Yours sincerely

Chris Wilson

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