



20 October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update re Proposed Academy Conversion

After a number of visits and meetings between Monks Orchard Primary School and Fairchildes Academy Community Trust (FACT), we are now carrying out a process of due diligence before submitting our application to the DFE to convert to academy status.

As part of this process and as the final stage of consultation, we have arranged for Ros Sandell (Executive Headteacher of FACT) and Rose Anne Ellis (Chair of the Trust Board) to visit us on **Thursday, 2 November**. They will spend the afternoon in school, meeting the staff and children, and will then lead two meetings after school for staff and parents.

These meetings will be at **3:30pm and 5:30pm in the school hall**.

They will give a brief presentation on FACT, the Trust's vision, ethos and aims and how they see the future with Monks Orchard as part of the Trust. There will then be a Q&A session, where you will have the chance ask any questions you have about FACT or about the conversion process.

It is important to remember that we are still exploring the conversion at this stage and no final decision has been taken. Your questions and input are vital if the Governing Body is to make the right decision for the school and for your children. So, it would be great to see as many of you as possible at one of these meetings on 2 November.

Have a lovely half term break and we will see you and your children again on Monday, 30 October, for the start of the next half term.

Guy Fairbairn
Headteacher

