

## PARENT LETTER

Dear Parent or Carer,

### PROPOSAL TO CONVERT TO ACADEMY STATUS AND JOIN THE EKO TRUST

The Governing Body has been carefully considering the future strategy for our school while taking into account current Government policy on education and the running of schools.

Our school is performing well with a current Ofsted judgement of *Good*. However, in an increasingly challenging educational landscape we recognise that maintaining and improving school performance needs a more robust and sustainable plan.

With this in mind, the governing body has been exploring the option of converting to academy status and joining a local multi-academy trust (MAT).

#### The proposed plan

The proposal is to convert to academy status and join the Eko Trust. As part of the local Teaching School Alliance, our school has already seen some of the benefits of working with other schools from the Trust. We are confident that by joining the Eko Trust, Earlham would continue to flourish and benefit from greater collaboration and joint working with the other member schools.

The other schools in the Eko Trust are:

- Kaizen Primary School
- Eleanor Smith School
- Gainsborough Primary School

The proposal is to convert to academy status and join the Eko Trust on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

We have set out in more detail the plan, benefits, vision and management in the attached document.

#### Consultation on the proposed plan

Governors wish to consult with parents, carers, staff, students and the wider school community on the proposal. The consultation will run from Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> until Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend any of the three meetings organised as follows:

- 2.15pm, Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>
- 6.00pm, Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>
- 9.00am, Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Laura Hewer and governors will make a brief presentation and you will also hear from Rebekah Iiyambo, Headteacher of Kaizen Primary School and CEO of the Eko Trust. You will then have the chance to ask questions. After the meeting, we will distribute questionnaires to all parents and carers to understand your views before making a final decision in June 2017.

We look forward to seeing you on either Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> or Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely,



Julian Robinson  
Chair of Governors

Laura Hewer  
Headteacher