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Academy Consultation

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is to give you an update on the Academy consultation so far.

Parent meetings

Thank you to the parents and staff who attended the consultation evening on Tuesday 20th September. There were many questions and concerns raised and some requests/suggestions given.

One of the main things that came out of the meeting was that the length of the consultation period was too short for parents to fully understand the possible change. Parents also wanted to add more opportunities to meet and discuss the academisation process. As a result of this parental feedback, the governors have agreed to extend the consultation period and add more meetings for parents.

Some of our meetings will have Ebor staff present, some will have just SLT, some will have Governors and SLT and some will be an opportunity to just meet the governors who are also parents at the school. We hope that by offering different types of meetings, with different people present, all parents will have the opportunity to better understand the process.

The new meeting schedule is as follows:

Timeline for Consultation:

1. **Monday 12th September:** Consultation begins.
2. **Tuesday 20th September:** Information evening at school for parents, carers and local community, 6pm until 7.30pm. Governors, the school leadership team and Ebor representatives will discuss Academisation and what it may mean for Park Grove.
3. **Tuesday 27th September:** Drop-in at school from 3pm until 5pm. This will be an opportunity to informally discuss Academisation and talk to governors, the Senior leadership team and Ebor representatives. **Story Sack area**
4. **Friday 7th October:** An opportunity to chat to governors who are parents at the school (drop-in session 8.30am – 9.30am) **Boardroom**
5. **Tuesday 11th October:** Drop-in at school from 8am until 9am and again from 3pm until 4pm. This will be an opportunity to informally discuss Academisation and talk to governors, the Senior Leadership Team and Ebor representatives. **Story Sack area**
6. **Thursday 20th October:** Drop-in at school from 8am until 9am and again from 3pm until 4pm. This will be an opportunity to informally discuss Academisation and talk to governors, the school leadership team and Ebor representatives. **Story Sack area**

7. **Wednesday 2nd November:** A formal meeting from 6pm until 7.30pm for parents' questions and answers with the Senior Leadership Team, governors and the Ebor Academy Trust. **School Hall**
8. **Wednesday 16th November:** An opportunity to chat to governors who are parents at the school (drop-in session 6pm – 7pm) **Story Sack Area**
9. **Monday 21st November:** A formal meeting from 6pm until 7.30pm for parents' questions and answers with the Senior Leadership Team, governors and the Ebor Academy Trust. **School Hall**
10. **Friday 25th November:** Consultation ends at 9.30am when all responses received will be collated.
11. **Tuesday 6th December** at 6pm: Governors hold an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Governing Body to consider responses and vote either to continue to explore Academisation or to reject the proposal.
12. The results of the vote will be communicated to all stakeholders as soon as practically possible and if the result approves the decision to join Ebor Academy Trust, a time scaled action plan will also be provided.

Parent questions

You have already received some of the frequently asked questions and they are on our website. However, since the consultation began, we have received many more questions from parents.

All questions from parents will be published anonymously, with answers, on our school website www.parkgroveprimary.co.uk. Please refer to the 'Information' section and then go to 'Academy Consultation'.

End of consultation decision

At the parents' request, the consultation period has been extended. Our new decision date is 6th December, instead of the original date of 8th November. At this point, the governors will consider all of the comments raised by parents, staff and the community. The governors will then vote for whether Park Grove will join the Ebor Academy Trust.

If the governors decide not to join Ebor, they will begin to consider other options for Park Grove.

Yours sincerely

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