



The Caretaker's House
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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues,

Since the creation of Diversa in 2017, one of the Trust's longer term objectives has been to increase its number of schools, finding and working with others that hold similar values and aspirations to ourselves.

Adding more schools to a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) can provide more opportunities for pupils and staff, and is a common strategy for Trusts to take once they have become established.

Larger Trusts can provide improved financial security at a time when funding for education is facing further cuts and school budgets are under increasing pressure.

It is the responsibility of the Trustees to assess all the options for growth of the MAT and make what we believe are the best decisions for everyone involved with our schools. Having embarked on this process and subsequently discussed with the Regional Schools Commissioner, we have decided to seek another Multi Academy Trust to join with Diversa and provide the benefits and security that come with creating a larger Trust.

This is an ongoing process and the Trustees are currently meeting other Trusts in the region to assess if they would be a potential good fit for Diversa. Ultimately any decisions made will be based on what is best for everyone involved with our schools, with the learning and wellbeing of the children having the utmost importance.

Please be assured that Diversa schools will be unaffected by this review and selection process. In addition, it is entirely unrelated to the recent news regarding the upcoming departure of Clare Jones as our CEO.

Once we have made further progress we will provide an update and implement a full and open consultation.

Yours faithfully
Alicia Howell
Chair of Trustees