



Bullers Wood School

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Dear Parents/Carers

In June 2014, responding to concerns voiced by many of our parents over the lack of secondary school places available to their sons, the Governing Body and senior leaders of Bullers Wood decided to pursue the possibility of creating Bullers Wood School for Boys.

As many of you will be aware, we proceeded with our application through the Free Schools Programme. Thankfully we were informed in March 2015 that we had been successful and could proceed.

This process has been difficult – principally revolving around planning - and has required great determination from our team and supporters. We were therefore delighted to secure Planning Permission on 4th October, which will enable us to progress towards opening the Boys School in temporary accommodation in September 2018, with final construction completed by September 2019

To facilitate the administration of a second school, we are required to establish a multi-academy trust (MAT) which we will be forming in the near future. It will be called the Bullers Wood Multi Academy Trust. This will enable all finance and administration to be controlled centrally under the direction of the MAT board trustees, some of who will be existing governors and senior leaders.

Our intention is that the ethos and principles which have consistently driven the excellent performance and reputation of Bullers Wood, will continue to be at the heart of both schools as we move forward, establishing and developing the boys' school with the girls' school as its template – educationally speaking the same language but each school with its own distinct voice. There is no intention to make unnecessary changes to the way education is delivered at Bullers Wood School for Girls. Moreover, we believe the outcomes at Bullers Wood will be enhanced by the addition of the new school.

Going forward, the Trust Board will seek to maintain and improve the reputation of Bullers Wood and in the context of the ever changing landscape of education, will seek to ensure the continuing resilience of the Bullers Wood Multi-Academy Trust.

We will be holding a consultation event on 16th November 2017 for parents/carers of existing students which will take place in the main hall at 18:00 – 19:00

I very much hope you can attend.

Yours sincerely,

Len Webb – Chair of Bullers Wood Multi-Academy Trust

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