



5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

In January 2018, the Governors agreed to a proposal to look to form a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) with Norbury Manor Business and Enterprise College. We ran a consultation with parents, staff and stakeholders that ran from the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018, including a consultation evening, and we received many useful comments, questions and suggestions.

The proposal was submitted to the Headteacher board in September and has now been approved by them so I am delighted to announce that we have been given permission to proceed by the Department for Education and we are now aiming to form the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) known as The Manor Trust with a target date of the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 for its launch.

There are still a variety of processes that have to be gone through, including operational and legal work, however while we are moving a step closer there is still the option of withdrawing should any issues arise along the way.

It should be stressed that we do not anticipate there being any significant changes to the appearance of the two schools, their uniforms, ethos or practice and parents and students should not notice the move, however it will allow the two schools to formally work together to share good practice, develop cross phase working and collaborate on the support services that both schools use.

We will keep you informed about our progress as we look forward to an exciting new phase in the development of both schools. However, as always, we welcome any questions or thoughts that you have that will enable us to ensure that any changes that are made are understood as easily as possible.

Yours Sincerely

Clare Cranham

