

North of Tyne

Multi – Academy Trust

Collingwood Primary School
New York Primary School
Percy Main Primary School
Riverside Primary School
Waterville Primary School

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Welcome to our fortnightly news bulletin.

Since the bulletin on 29th April, we have held the last of our Consultation Meetings for Parents: one at Riverside and one at New York. Altogether, a total of 56 parents attended the meetings.

Questions were varied and covered topics such as standards, finance, SATs and OFSTED Inspections and the impact the MAT may have on the stability of the children. Some of these questions, and the responses, will be added to the website.

Our consultation period is now drawing to a close and all schools will be holding Governing Body meetings this month where each Governing Body will carefully consider all the responses received from the consultation before making a decision and will pass a resolution to convert or not to convert. It is hoped that by the next Bulletin on 27th May, we will be able to share the decision made by each of the Governing Bodies.

The five Headteachers of each of the schools, who form the Headteacher Group in our Multi-Academy Trust structure, have held meetings with representatives from Finance, School Improvement, Human Resources and Insurance. Some of these meetings have been with the Service Managers from these departments within the Local Authority and some have been independent companies.

At this stage, we are not yet in a position to secure contracts or services; this can only be done once the Governing Bodies pass a resolution to convert.

However, we continue to be fortunate to have the guidance and experience of the solicitors we have instructed – Muckles LLP – who continue to project manage and oversee a number of requirements which have to be completed and then submitted to the Department of Education.