



## GROWING LEARNERS, GROWING LEADERS AND GROWING CITIZENS



Dear parents and carers,

### **Stakeholder consultation to convert to an academy within a multi-academy trust**

You may be aware that in recent years there have been significant changes to the educational landscape. At Rowner, we want to continue to secure the best future for our pupils, families and local community, building upon the improvements we have already made.

Following careful consideration and investigation into a range of options, the governing body have unanimously voted to begin a formal consultation process about the proposal to convert to an academy with a preference for joining the Gosport and Fareham Multi-Academy Trust (GFM). The GFM includes Bayhouse, Brune Park, Gomer Junior School and Lord Wilson. In considering this conversion, the over-riding concern of governors is to ensure that our school continues to provide the best possible standard of education and care for our children.

Key points of joining the multi-academy trust:

- Kerry Payne will continue to lead the school on a daily basis and members of our governing body will join the Primary Local Governing Committee (LGC), which has the overview of the primary schools within the GFM.
- Rowner Junior School will not change its name or ethos.
- The school uniform remains the same.
- Children with additional needs will continue to be supported and receive additional support as they do now.
- We will continue to work closely with local schools across our local area.

The benefits of the proposed multi-academy trust include:

- Joining a trust, rooted in our local community, with a vision to improve outcomes for all Gosport children.
- Greater freedom to determine the school curriculum to better meet the needs of all learners.
- Increased flexibility with the school budget and cost savings to enable us to better meet the priorities of the school.
- Opportunities to improve transition and success at secondary settings for our learners.
- Capacity to further improve and exchange good practice and ideas between the schools thus improving the quality of teaching and learning for all.
- Enhanced staff development within the GFM.

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**The consultation process will run from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

During this time we would welcome the views of all stakeholders and would encourage you to email us your opinions and questions. The address to use is:

[consultation@rowner-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@rowner-jun.hants.sch.uk)

If you would prefer to post your response, please write to: Consultation Response, FAO Tracy Robinson, Rowner Junior School, Tichborne Way, Gosport, PO13 0BN.

Further to this, we would like to invite you to attend an information evening so that we can fully share our proposal and discuss any questions. These meetings will take place:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9.05am
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2.20pm

We anticipate that members of the GFM executive will be in attendance.

More information, including frequently asked questions, can be found on our school website within the parents tab.

**The governing body are committed to ensuring that Rowner Junior School continues to improve, and serve all members of the community.** We will endeavor to keep you updated of future developments and responses to questions as they arise and these will be added to the school website.

Kind regards

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