

# College Park Infant School



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*"Children Playing, Improving and Smiling"*

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## ACADEMY CONSULTATION

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

You may well be aware that the Government has expressed a commitment to the conversion of all maintained schools into academies. There was a deadline of 2022, which has now been removed, but the Governing Board of College Park Infant School has been looking into the advantages and disadvantages of becoming an academy for quite some time now, bearing in mind that we would always put our children and families at the very heart of the decisions we make.

In light of this we are writing to you today on behalf of College Park Infant School's Governing Board to invite you to take part in a consultation regarding the exciting proposal to become part of the King's Group Academies Multi Academy Trust.

**The consultation will run from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

We see this as a unique opportunity to bring College Park Infant School and Lyndhurst Junior School (Academy) closer together, under the proposed strategic leadership of Mrs Anderson, as Executive Headteacher across both schools. Mr Martindale will continue as the operational Head of School at Lyndhurst and Mrs Lathem will take up a new role as the operational Head of School here, thus allowing Mrs Anderson to develop consistency, continuity and progression, building on joint work already started, current strengths and addressing areas of improvement, with the global dimension that the King's Group can offer. We know that our pupils are the citizens of the future and that they will undoubtedly go out into the world with our high expectations and the values that we have instilled in them.

In order that you are able to remain as well informed as possible, we have created a number of ways in which you are able to both become involved and respond. We will be adding information to the school website. We would strongly encourage all parents/carers to respond to the following Feedback Form and/or email the school with any views, comments and questions relating to the proposal using the email address: [admin@collegepark.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@collegepark.portsmouth.sch.uk) Please include your child's name and class in your email.

As part of this process we would also like to invite you to attend a consultation briefing where representatives from King's Group Academies MAT will be available to answer any questions you may have. This meeting is for adults only and therefore we kindly ask that on this occasion you do not bring your children along.

**The consultation briefing will take place in the school hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm**



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## FURTHER INFORMATION

Some further information along with ideas of positive and negative points of view plus a number of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will be published on the school website. We hope that this will help to inform you.

Mr H Whitaker  
Chair of Governors

Mrs D J Anderson  
Headteacher

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## ACADEMY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK FORM

Tick which answer you prefer:

YES, I support College Park Infant School in seeking to become an Academy as part of the King's Group Academies MAT

NO, I do not support College Park Infant School in seeking to become an Academy as part of the King's Group Academies MAT

I DON'T KNOW, I am undecided

Please return this form to the school by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

I am the parent of a child starting September 2017

I am the parent of a child who is a current pupil of the school

