

9th March 2017



SIR JAMES SMITH'S
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Initial notification of proposed multi-academy trust for North Cornwall

Governors, staff and students at Sir James Smith's Community School have been working closely with a number of schools across North Cornwall over several years as part of the Co-operative Trust. In response to the government's desire to see all state schools become academies, we have recently been working with the Regional Schools Commissioner to establish a local cross-phase multi-academy trust or MAT. We believe this will enable us to retain and strengthen the existing links between local primary and secondary schools, raise standards and ensure financial stability.

The partnership schools are listed below:

- Camelford Primary School
- Otterham Primary School
- Sir James Smith's Community School
- St Breward primary School
- St Teath Primary School

The MAT will be known as the 'North Cornwall Learning Trust' abbreviated as NCLT.

Governors and senior staff are clear that ensuring the continuity and quality of education for all of the young people in our local area is our biggest priority and believe the MAT is the best way to achieve this outcome.

This is an exciting period of time that will ultimately benefit our schools and the wider community across North Cornwall. There will be a period of formal consultation in April during which you will be provided with more information and asked for your views. We will contact you again soon.

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors

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