



3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents

We are writing to inform you that the Governing Body has formally agreed that from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 Wood Green School will be an academy as part of the Acer Multi-Academy Trust. This follows the consultation process that was carried out in 2016 in Wood Green and in all schools joining the Trust. Governors at all four schools have agreed that working together will be in the best interests of all students.

The Acer Trust is a new Trust in Oxfordshire and we are proud to be one of the founding schools. We are forming this Trust with Chalgrove Primary School, Icknield Community College and Matthew Arnold School. All four schools have strong track records of high performance or rapid improvement and share similar values. We believe that this partnership will add real benefit to Wood Green School.

The key values of the Acer Trust are Trust, Equity and Opportunity. This is why we feel these are important to a successful collaboration:

**Trust** – we trust each other to share best practice freely between all of our schools. We also trust each other to be honest when it comes to challenging areas which need improving. Through collaboration and challenge, our schools will continue to develop.

**Equity** – there is no lead school in the Acer Trust and each school will keep its own character and its own governing body. We believe that each school is equally valued and that we all have a shared purpose to provide the best education for every one of the students across our four schools.

**Opportunity** – being part of the Trust will bring new opportunities for students and staff. Already, the Arts Council has given a significant grant to run a large scale Arts project across the four schools and many other opportunities in other areas of school such as Science and Sport will follow. Staff will have more opportunity for training by accessing practice across more schools, which will benefit every student.

I can reassure you that there will not be any change to the name of our school or the uniform as a result of becoming an academy. The changes that do come from forming the Acer Trust will improve the school over time for the benefit of all students. We will continue to enjoy strong partnerships with schools locally as well as create new opportunities within the Acer Trust.

I would like to thank you for your continuing support of Wood Green School and look forward to a successful future together and with our partner schools.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Shadbolt  
Headteacher

Mr J Green  
Chair of Governors