

**Notes of the Parent Consultation Meeting held at Cyril Jackson Primary School  
on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 2.45 p.m.**

**GOVERNORS PANEL**

Sue Stollery (SS) Chair of Governors  
Gill Kemp (GK) Headteacher  
Rani Begum (RB) Parent Governor  
Ross Tranter (RT) Co-opted Governor

Dennis Harvey (DH) - note taker

An attendance list was taken by DH. 8 parents attended the meeting.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

GK introduced the meeting, which was part of a series of meetings with staff and parents as part of the consultation process on the proposal for the school to convert to an academy and join at Multi Academy Trust.

GK explained this was an initial meeting to explain the consultation process and give parents the opportunity to ask questions.

GK stated that all parents had received the consultation document. GK invited SS to explain the Governors' process.

SS advised that the Governing Board considered future strategy and collaboration as part of its role on a regular basis. SS noted that it had been considering collaboration and academisation or alternative routes. SS advised that it had convened a working party to consider developing a list of potential academies considering the alignment of culture and ethos and that it had short listed five. SS stated that followed with further research and meeting with the Chief Executive Officers as they wanted to ensure that CJ could retain its autonomy and day to day responsibilities and therefore, it had selected the University Schools Trust as the best fit.

GK provided a summary of the historical context of both local and national education which had led to the current consultation. This include the cuts to services which the local authority had been required to make and that the rating of Children Services in the borough remained below the required standard. GK also referred to the fall in pupil numbers and the intention of the local authority to reduce primary provision in the borough by the equivalent of eight forms of entry. GK also referred to the recent decision by the local authority to consult on the closure of Raine's.

RT explained the process the governing board had initiated was a four-week consultation period with staff, parents, recognised trade unions. RT advised that the governing board would welcome feedback by email or letter.

Rt explained that if the governing board decided to proceed to join a Multi Academy Trust there then would be a period of due diligence.

GK opened the meeting up for questions.

## **2. PARENT QUESTIONS**

Parent Question/Comment – PQ  
Governors Panel Response/Comment - GPR

PQ	What does become an academy mean?
GPR	GK replied that joining an academy would bring school improvement and development opportunities. RT explained how the school would be funded if within a multi academy trust.  SS advised that there would be no additional cost to parents as a result of joining an academy

SQ	What about the current speech and language provision?
GPR	GK explained that this would not change

SQ	What about class sizes?
GPR	GK stated that this would remain dependent on funding and the school's finances and would not change because of joining a trust. The governing board had to monitor the budget and finances and had had to cut staffing levels

SQ	Would be the benefits to the school?
GPR	GK stated that the school would be able to access support which was increasingly becoming more difficult within the local authority.

SQ	I have heard that academies pressure pupils to attain?
GPR	GK stated that the ethos of Cyril Jackson would remain the same and certainly whilst she was leading.

SQ	Will the school follow the national curriculum?
GPR	GK explained that the curriculum was reviewed constantly.

SQ	How will the decision to join a trust be made?
GPR	GK advised this would be by a vote by the governing board at a special meeting

SQ	What will happen to the after-school clubs??
GPR	GK advised there would be no change to the offer

## **3. CLOSING REMARKS**

GK thanked parents for attending and for their time.

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The meeting finished at 3.40 p.m.

**CHAIR'S SIGNATURE:.....**

**DATE SIGNED:...../...../.....**