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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who have already responded to the Board of Governors' proposal that St John's Meads converts to Academy status within The Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust (DCAT).

We were delighted that so many people came to the two consultation meetings and were able to raise questions and hear our views on the many benefits for the children and staff if we become an academy. All the relevant information is available on the school website: <https://www.meads.e-sussex.sch.uk/academy-consultation-information/>

As a direct result of questions raised through the survey and at the latest consultation meeting, answers to further frequently asked questions will be uploaded to the school webpage very soon so that everyone has an opportunity to be updated with this additional information.

One of the questions being asked is whether the consultation period could be extended. This consultation is part of a process and in order to leave time for all the comments and views to be collated into a report for governors it has been agreed that the consultation can be extended until Friday 12th July.

At the Governing Board meeting on July 18th, governors will give careful consideration to the consultation outcomes and discuss all the relevant information before a decision is made as to whether to proceed with academy conversion. We will then share this decision and further information with parents and carers.

If you haven't yet responded to this consultation, please do so before the deadline because your voice, your comments and questions are important. www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SJMDCAT. Thank you.

With kind regards,

Linda Caroe
Chair of Governors

Katherin Weeks
Headteacher

