



'Creating brighter futures'

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Re: Multi-academy Trust Exploration**

For some time, in order to maximise opportunities for collaboration and joint working, the Derbyshire special schools, support centres and two Staffordshire special schools have worked together.

As part of this group we have been discussing the possibility of forming a multi-academy trust. This is being considered as a means to continue our very successful collaborative work. The other schools who are interested are:

- Amber Valley & Erewash Support Centre
- Bennerley Fields School
- Fountains High School
- Fountains Primary School
- Holbrook School for Autism
- North East Derbyshire Support Centre
- Peak School
- South Derbyshire Support Centre

There is no final decision. Governing bodies of each school will make that decision when more detail is known. There will also be a full consultation with the whole school community and staff at each school. However, before consultation, we need to do further work to be certain of how the trust would operate. We also want to ensure that trust governance would be of the highest standard.

We therefore ask our school communities if anyone would like to put themselves forward as a member or trustee. More details about these roles and application forms can be found on the school's website at [www.stantonvale.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.stantonvale.derbyshire.sch.uk) in the parents section.

Yours faithfully

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