

18 October '21

FAO: Parent(s)/Carer(s) and other potentially interested parties

Dear all:

### **Consultation on the Proposal that Chase Terrace Academy joins John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust**

In July, we wrote to parents/carers, explaining that discussions had begun with John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust (JTMAT), with a view to Chase Terrace Academy (CTA) potentially joining JTMAT at some point during the 2021/22 academic year.

We are determined that CTA continues to operate in a way that reflects, and supports, the character and aspirations of the local community. Furthermore, we also have a strong sense that this is equally important to JTMAT and believe that there is a good match between the organisations' core values and priorities.

CTA has a longstanding association with JTMAT, through its Teaching School status and the associated work on Initial Teacher Training and professional development of staff and governors. Both Trusts are enthusiastic and excited that CTA is considering joining the JTMAT family of schools. Following a detailed due diligence process, the JTMAT Trust Board recently approved the move for CTA to join JTMAT and the Regional Schools Commissioner has now also given his approval.

There are currently four secondary schools (all in Staffordshire) and ten primary schools in JTMAT, affording CTA strong opportunities for collaboration. We are always keen to share good practice, learn from others and also support other schools. JTMAT is very well placed to provide us with excellent developmental opportunities.

CTA has some distinctive strengths and we are really pleased with the recent progress made in the development of teaching and learning. Moreover, the school is in good financial health and has recently secured two capital grants, with a combined value of two million pounds, to improve the site and make it more energy efficient. There are, therefore, lots of reasons to be very optimistic about the future and we believe that JTMAT is well placed to support our ambitious agenda.

We are now formally consulting with the school/local community to seek views on this proposed change and to answer any questions that stakeholders may have. **The consultation period begins today (Mon. 18 October '21) and runs through to Mon. 6 December '21. If you have any comments on the proposal, or any associated queries, please send an email to [consultation@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk](mailto:consultation@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk) . There will also be a Q&A session on Wed. 17 November at 6 pm. Please contact Sharon Jones if you would like to attend.** Throughout the consultation period, queries will be addressed as they arise. We also plan to publish a 'frequently asked questions' document (on the CTA website) to summarise our responses.

During December 2021, we expect to make a decision, pending further discussions, on whether, or not, CTA joins JTMAT. If the decision is made to go ahead, then the change could take place as early as 1 February 2022, but the timing would depend on a number of factors. In any event, if it happens, we would expect it to occur during the 2021/22 academic year.

Sincerely:



**Richard Williams**  
Chair of Trust Board



**Stuart Jones**  
Executive Headteacher



**Di Evans**  
Chair of Governors



**Nicola Mason**  
Head of School