



Borden Church of England Primary School

Part of the UNITAS Collaboration

School Lane Borden Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8JS

Dear Parents/Carers and members of the local community

9th January 2017

PROPOSAL TO CONVERT TO ACADEMY STATUS

I am writing to describe our proposal for our school to become part of a Multi Academy Trust composed of the schools currently working together in the Unitas collaboration. We would be grateful for your views. More information about what this means for our school and for your children is attached to this letter.

We are choosing to make this proposal as a positive way forward for our school which will enable us to continue to improve the opportunities we provide for your children. Making this change now means that we can choose how we want our school to develop.

Governors believe that academy status within our Multi Academy Trust is the best way to support the school in continuing to develop and improve and will bring benefits to teaching and learning and thus to your child's achievement. But you and your children will see little visible difference when we become a Multi Academy Trust. We will still be called Borden Church of England Primary School. The school uniform will not change and we will not change term dates or the school's admissions policies. All children and members of staff will continue to be part of the school as they are now. We hope that you will continue to give the Governors and the staff your support.

We are holding a meeting in **Minterne Junior school (Minterne Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME) on 10th January 2017 at 7pm** where we will say a little more about what this proposal means for our school. All parents, carers and members of the local community are welcome to come along to find out more and to ask questions. If you have any questions or comments about this proposal please email us (office@borden.kent.sch.uk) or complete the response form attached or online.(<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/UniColl>). Please do let us know what you think about whether our school should become an Academy.

If you have any comments please send them by **10th February 2017**. We will inform parents of the feedback in the school newsletter.

Yours sincerely

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