

PARENT/CARER PETITION TO CHAIR OF GOVERNING BODY

August 2010

We want meaningful consultation on any move to academy status.

We, the undersigned parents and carers of children at _____ school, seek assurances from the Chair of the Governing Body that any move to consider academy status will be subject to the broadest possible consultation with parents and carers before any decision is made.

We are aware that the Academies Act states *'Before entering into Academy arrangements with the Secretary of State in relation to an additional school, a person must consult such persons as the person thinks appropriate.'* In our view, the 'appropriate persons' should mean, at the very minimum, parents, pupils, school staff and the relevant local authority. Regardless of whether we are for or against academy status, we believe it is of utmost importance for parents and carers to be fully consulted on any proposals for our children's school to become an academy.

We seek confirmation that the governing body does not intend to convert the school to academy status without first consulting with all parents, pupils, school staff and the relevant local authority.

We believe that the best method of consultation should include a meeting for interested parties followed by a ballot of parents and carers and a separate ballot of school staff.

Please can you make these reassurances as a matter of urgency.