



The Federation of The Downs & Northbourne Church of England Primary Schools



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From the Chair of Governors of The Federation of The Downs and Northbourne CEP Schools:

An update on the DEALT academy proposal.

As you know we have been exploring the option of academisation for a few years. During this time the governing body of the Downs and Northbourne have explored a number of options (such as staying as we are, joining another academy trust, forming our own trust with other Deal schools). We have discussed the various options at length, carefully considered the advantages and disadvantages, but always with the best interests of the pupils at the heart of our conversations.

We have always been keen to maintain control of our schools and have the ability to shape our own future so I can now confirm that as of April 1st 2019, both schools have agreed to convert to an Academy within the DEALT Multi-Academy Trust. Both schools have been fully involved in the decision-making, the development of the structure and function of the Trust, and have collaboratively formed its vision and ethos. The Governing Body structure and responsibilities will remain the same (one governing body for both schools).

Thank you to all the parents, carers and families who have supported and challenged us along the way, we believe this has had a positive impact on the structure and function of DEALT. As a governing body we look forward to supporting the schools in this exciting new venture.

Dr Alison Eyden
Chair

