

Penlee Academy Trust
Alverton, Newlyn and Pensans Primary Schools
"A Community – Empowered, Inspired, Aspirational."

7th March 2017

Dear Parent or Carer

PROPOSAL FOR PENLEE ACADEMY TRUST TO DISSOLVE AND FOR ALVERTON SCHOOL TO JOIN TRURO AND PENWITH ACADEMY TRUST

We are writing to inform you of proposals for the future of Alverton School.

In September 2015, our school converted to an Academy and joined with Newlyn and Pensans schools to form Penlee Academy Trust. Our priority at that time was to enable the school to continue to provide an excellent education for our children while protecting the school's role at the heart of our community and retaining our unique qualities and strengths. This still remains our priority today.

In a continuing time of changes to the education system and funding difficulties placed upon schools, the Trustees of Penlee Academy Trust recognise the need to take action to ensure that all our children receive the best educational experience possible. The Trust also understands that, in the long term, it is highly unlikely to be able to continue without including additional schools and making changes to the way the Trust is structured.

With all this in mind, the Board agreed that, to secure the future of the three schools, it needed to look beyond our small Trust towards a larger, more established model.

Following an investigation of various options, the unanimous preference of the Board is to join Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT) which the Board considers to be a well-established, successful Trust which would provide enriched educational opportunities for the children in its schools. The EFA have given its approval to the application and therefore Penlee Academy Trust has decided to consult on joining TPAT. A formal consultation process will take place and we will be consulting with the whole school community about this proposal.

As always, the Trust has the interests of its children, staff and the wider community as its highest priority.

Yours sincerely

Martin Higgs
Headteacher

Signed on behalf of Elizabeth Lambourn, Chair of Penlee Academy Trust