

Dear Parents

We are delighted to announce and share with you the news that the Governors have been waiting for.

The trustees of The ACT Multi Academy Trust (based at Buckden Church Of England Primary Academy) have agreed that they wish to support Burrough Green Church of England Primary School in joining their trust. The trust is a new academy trust with links to the Diocese of Ely and would build a partnership which provides a secure future for our school.

Governing Bodies have a statutory duty to consider academisation on a regular basis and we have always met this duty. However, we have seen significant change at Burrough Green in the last twelve months, with the second Requires Improvement judgement from Ofsted last January giving us no option but to consider academisation. With Mr Sandford's support, the Governors started the process of due diligence; seeking advice from the Regional Schools Director, consulting the Ely Diocesan Board of Education, speaking with the CEO and Trustees of both Diocesan Multi Academy Trusts (MATs), visiting Church Schools already in a MAT and compiling documentation to support our findings.

Every situation that initially appears a challenge can have a positive outcome. The appointment of Mr Sandford to our school has provided that positivity. He has given well over and above his duty in time and effort and faced challenges with determination. His continual enthusiasm, optimism, hope and faith in Burrough Green has been a huge inspiration. As we reflect on his first term with us, we acknowledge a most full and productive time and, supported by our committed and hardworking staff, the school's journey of improvement. He is excited about the opportunities afforded our school in joining ACT.

It has been an informative and constructive process for our Governing Body. The willingness to work hard, lead and guide after this period of change has inspired so much courage and understanding. We are resolved to do everything possible to ensure Burrough Green Church of England Primary School thrives.

The transition to ACT is planned for April 1st and, on behalf of the Governors, I wish to invite you to a Parents' Meeting to discuss the future, what it means to be part of a MAT and to meet Alison Anderson (CEO of ACT Multi Academy Trust) on Wednesday 24th January, 6pm-7pm

Yours sincerely

Anthea Kenna
Chair of Governors