Parents' discussion re. Academy Consultation – Wed 13th November 2019

Questions Raised -

SEN provision -

How will it function? Remain the same

How will school receive the funding? As we currently do

Will the SERF continue? Yes, this is not affected at all

Will SEN opportunities improve? If funding increases.

If the School has been rated GOOD by OFSTED and is working well why change it? 'leap of faith' to see if we can make things even better and provide more opportunities.

Will we take on Unqualified teachers to teach classes? No, this is not our current practice and is not in scope. The small exception is when we have specialist subjects. Eg. Hair and beauty.

Will Teachers be affected? Existing staff will move over to new contracts for the MAT but will see no immediate difference in contracts. New staff will automatically go onto MAT contracts/terms and conditions.

What do the staff think of the changes? No negative feedback received to date.

What will happen following the general election on 12th Dec? we can't say yet. Governors meeting held on 18th December to discuss

What curriculum will be followed? We are following OFSTED framework and will always follow the national curriculum

What Careers provision will be provided? Our careers provision is already excellent; it won't lose money so will only get better.

How would we spend extra money we receive? The building needs money spending on it and we will always spend money on resources that are required. A big discussion took place around budgets and how money is allocated to different areas of school.

What is the length of the contract (for both parties)? Once a decision has been made you cannot revert back.

What opportunities are there to increase curriculum and teach additional subjects, eg. BSL? If this is brought into the curriculum we would explore the opportunities.