

13 February 2018



Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Transfer to a new Multi Academy Trust

You will be aware that three years ago the Regional School Commissioner's (RSC) office issued an instruction that Thomas Telford School was too remote from Bulwell to provide the level of education support needed to deliver the required Academy improvement. A new sponsor from a local Multi Academy Trust was proposed. Thomas Telford School had to agree with the RSC that distance was an obstacle to providing the rapid and regular support required by the RSC.

We want all parents to know that we have been working very hard to identify the best partner to take over the Academy and we are pleased to be able to re-assure you that after extensive research, we have determined that the Creative Education Trust (CET) have the expertise and capacity to provide the support and development opportunities that children at Bulwell deserve.

The target date for transfer to the new sponsor is 1 May 2018. There will be no change in the short term nor do I expect there to be much change for students, or parents, in the longer term but we do expect that being part of this well-established Trust will help the staff to make improvements for the students.

You can access the Trust's website at www.creativeeducationtrust.org.uk where you will find background information about them. Mr Maher will be explaining the transfer to students in assemblies.

You will be invited to a meeting nearer the date of transfer where we will provide further information, plus the opportunity to ask questions.

Yours sincerely

John Bowater
Chair of Governors

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Dear Parent / Carer

I would just like to thank parents for their support in ensuring that their son/daughter arrives to school dressed appropriately, however there are still a few students who are challenging the uniform rules so I would like to clarify our position on a number of issues:

1. **Blazers** – are to be worn at all times. In the event of extremely warm weather students will be notified when blazers can be removed. Jackets, hoodies or coats are not to be worn instead of blazers. And students should wear appropriate weather proof outerwear in case of wet weather.
2. **Ties** – are to be worn at all times and should correspond with the year group colour
 - Year 7 - Blue
 - Year 8 - Purple
 - Year 9 - Green
 - Year 10 - Red
 - Year 11 - Yellow
3. **Shoes** – must be black leather or leather look. The following are **not** allowed –
 - Logos on shoes
 - Trainers or shoes with trainer soles
 - Boots, including ankle boots
 - Platform shoes or sandals – if in doubt, please contact the school before purchasing
4. **Skirts and trousers**
Girls
 - Black knee length pleated skirt with black tights
 - Black trousers (straight cut or slight flare - not tight fitting). No leggings, jeggings and no denim.Boys
 - Black trousers (straight cut or slight flare - not tight fitting). No denim.

Full details of our uniform policy can be found on our school website www.bulwellacademy.co.uk

I would also like to remind you that mobile phones are to be switched off and not seen at any time during the school day, if they are seen they will be confiscated until the end of the school day. Headphones will also be confiscated if seen – regardless of if in use or not.

Having clear guidelines on uniform and the use of mobile phones allows us to create a positive learning environment for all our students. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

R Derry
Senior Vice Principal