



MANOR COURT
Community Primary School
Incorporating
Manor Court Early Years Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reference: Listening period

Before the Easter holidays, I wrote to all families, informing you of the Collaborative Academies Trust decision to seek a stronger, more local partner for Manor Court Primary School.

Conversation and work at all levels, is happening between the Preston Primary Academy Trust and the Collaborative Academies Trust to ensure that we join our new Multi Academy Trust by Friday 1st September 2018, just in time for the start of the new academic year. I and all members of Manor Court Primary School staff and governing body are fully supportive of this move and we are convinced that a move to a new MAT will only further strengthen the opportunities for your child's education.

I am aware that many parents may be unsure as to what this decision actually means and we are inviting you to meet with Mrs Bernie Green, Executive Head Teacher of the Preston Primary Academy Trust, on Tuesday 17th April between 3:30pm - 4:30pm. This meeting will be in the School hall and will take the form of a question and answer session, with refreshments provided. This meeting starts a ten day period, called a 'listening period', similar to a cooling off period, in which questions and answers can be given to the Regional Schools Commissioner's office on RSC.SCNWLON@education.gov.uk

Please do attend this meeting if you are able to and I will continue to update you as matters progress further.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher