



MANOR COURT
Community Primary School
Incorporating
Manor Court Early Years Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reference: Change of Academy Sponsor

I'm writing to let you know that, following the decision of The Collaborative Academies Trust to seek a stronger, more local partner for Manor Court, our school is currently working with the South West Regional Schools Commissioner and is in discussion with the Preston Primary Academy Trust.

This change of partner is one that Mr Clode, Dr Reed (Chair of the IEB/Shadow Governing body) and I are fully supportive of. Preston Primary School, a large Primary School in Yeovil, is led by Mrs Bernie Green, an Outstanding Head Teacher and National Leader of Education. Under her leadership the school moved from 'Requiring Improvement' to 'Outstanding' in the judgment of Ofsted within eighteen months of her appointment. Preston Primary School has consistently achieved the highest KS2 SATs results in Somerset. Having worked at Preston Primary School myself, I am confident that with her guidance, the children within Manor Court Primary School will continue to receive an increasingly enriched education, where high aspirations and achievement for all will be central to our offer to children and their families.

Discussions with the new trust are going well and after the Easter break we will invite you to meet with them. If you would like to get in touch with Preston Primary Academy Trust or the Regional Schools Commissioner's office before that meeting you can do so by emailing RSC.SCNWLON@education.gov.uk.

In the meantime, I can reassure you that there will be no negative disruption to your child's education because of this decision. I am convinced that the move to a new trust will strengthen educational provision at Manor Court and will ultimately provide more opportunities for your child.

I will continue to update you as matters progress.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher