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Dear Parents / Guardians

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all the students, staff and parents for welcoming me in my new role as Executive Principal across the three schools. The term has started very well and I sense the commitment by everyone to make this year, and the future, as successful as possible for all of the young people in our care.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that we have now had Academy Orders granted for the three schools and we can begin the process of conversion from Local Authority Schools to Academies linked under one Trust (Multi Academy Trust Model).

We will be running a series of consultative events which will be open to any interested parties over the next few weeks and will be listening carefully to all comments and thoughts. Of course we will also be involving the students and pupils in discussion about what this may mean and how they can contribute to the forming of the new structures. I would hasten to add that this will not be radical change, but we will make sure that we take the opportunities that the freedoms, flexibility and independence of Academy status can offer our schools.

The consultation document is now available from any of the school websites or a hard copy is available on request:

www.churnetview.staffs.sch.ukwww.leekhigh.staffs.sch.ukwww.westwoodcollege.coopwww.leekfederation.org.uk

Please feel free to contact us with any comments either by email to the mail box specifically for this: academy@leekfederation.org.uk or in writing to The Chair of Governors, The Leek Federation, Westwood Hall, Westwood Park, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 8NP.

These are changing and exciting times in education but we will remain focused on the most important aspects within our schools of care, support and expectation for our pupils and students. We will continue to work hard on raising standards even further and broadening the opportunities to experience new and exciting things as and when the chances arise.

I would like to thank you in anticipation of your support in all that we are doing and will be doing together for our children. I will be sending further details of events and any important aspects of the conversion process and welcome your involvement.

Yours sincerely

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