

St Crispin's School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to inform you that St Crispin's School will become an Academy and join The Circle Trust on 1st February 2018.

As I have previously shared, St Crispin's will join with Nine Mile Ride Primary School to be the founder schools in an all-through Multi-Academy Trust to serve Wokingham and the surrounding area. The founding principle of our partnership is focused on setting structures to provide the very best educational opportunities and outcomes for all students by drawing on expertise across the educational phases. A key principle of our Trust will be to allow both schools, and any future schools who join, to retain and celebrate their own unique identity and ethos. Therefore parents, staff and students will feel very little change in the day-to-day operation of our schools.

The Circle Trust's fundamental view is that schools should be led by, and their improvement driven by, their Headteacher with their local governance. Local governance in our Trust is known as a Local Advisory Board. On conversion, Governors at St Crispin's will transfer to be either Trustees who sit on The Circle Trust's Board or Local Advisors who sit on the St Crispin's Local Advisory Board. I am delighted to share that Mr Paul Jeffery who is currently our Chair of Governors will remain as the Chair of our Local Advisors. St Crispin's Local Advisory Board will have a minimum of eight Advisors, at least two of whom are elected Parents and Carers and one of whom is a member of staff. From 1st February further information about our Trust can be found on www.thecircletrust.co.uk

The process of academisation has been a real joy and I am very confident that this new future will secure and continue to improve the educational opportunities for young people at St Crispin's.

Yours faithfully

Ginny Rhodes
Headteacher