

7th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Following a great deal of consideration of the options available to us, the Governing Bodies of Bankside Primary School and Carr Manor Community School are considering becoming Foundation schools and acquiring a charitable Trust to be called the Leeds Learning Alliance. Additionally Leeds Trinity University, Leeds College of Building, Leeds Rhinos Foundation and Leeds Local Authority will also be partners.

Wetherby High School is currently undertaking a consultation on removing their existing Trust in order to consult on joining the Leeds Learning Alliance (schools can only be a member of one Trust). However the Governing Body are keen to say that should the consultation result in the school staying with their existing Trust, they would still want to be an Associate partner of the Leeds Learning Alliance.

Why are we considering this?

The chief reasons for change are to build on and re-enforce our commitment to our communities, to continue to improve the quality of and raise standards in education and increase life chances and opportunities for our children, young people, adults and families. We think that, by working more closely together, we can be more successful schools.

The legal partnership will help us to establish strong, long term partnerships with key organisations who would help increase resources and opportunities for staff and pupils. We feel that we will be better able to serve our local school communities by working together to raise standards and aspirations, increase opportunities and provide greater social cohesion.

What we would like you to do

We are about to begin formal consultation on our proposals and we would like to know what you think of our plans, so we invite you to take part in our public consultation. You can do this by:

- Visiting our website for further information - www.carrmanor.org.uk. Please note that this information will be available on our website from Tuesday 8th January 2019.
- Reading Booklets 1 & 2. These are available on our website or please contact us for a paper copy.
- Completing the questionnaire and returning it to either Primary/Secondary reception in school by Tuesday 19th February 2019. Questionnaires are available from reception, on our website or please follow the google doc link to complete on line -> <https://goo.gl/forms/M1sHn6zKDzjGWeU62>.
- Attending one of the consultation meetings which will be held at school. Full details are included in the enclosed leaflet.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Flowers
Executive Principal



Mr A Tidswell
Chair of Governors