



Grove Park Academies

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Dear Parents

It has been a while since I last wrote to you all. Some of you may be aware I have been undergoing treatment for cancer, as a result I have had to work from home for most of this term. I am hoping to be in school a little bit more and fingers crossed by the end of May back full time.

Having faced a number of challenges over the last six months I have now decided that after 19 years at Grove Park Academies and 34 years teaching it is time for me to retire and start a new chapter in my life. This is going to be an enormous change and it will be with great sadness that I leave something I hold so dear to my heart, but it is time.

With my impending retirement we now have to look at the future of both schools. As you are aware we have been hit with a number of unplanned absences of key staff, particularly at Grove Park, and as a result we have been working with TIMU Trust. This has been a really positive experience and as a result the Trustee Boards of both Grove Park Academies and Timu have decided to consider bringing both trusts together as one trust, under a new name.

We are very excited at the prospect of our Trusts working together for the long term and feel that our schools will benefit greatly from the extensive opportunities that continued collaboration will bring. As our schools already work within the structure of a multi academy trust we believe that any changes will be minimal and largely at Trust level. The day to day running of each school will still very much be the responsibility of the school leadership team. The schools' names, ethos, vision and values will remain unchanged and will continue to underpin how our schools operate.

Further information about our proposal will be available on the school website and you will receive an email in due course when the information is available on the website, which will include an explanation about the planned merger. If you have any further questions about our proposal then please do submit your questions using the links on the website, when it goes live.

We are very keen to know what you think about this proposal and would welcome your comments – whether you support the proposal or have concerns about it. Please help us by looking at the information, asking any and as many questions as you have and, when you have the answers to those questions, telling us what you think by completing the survey questions.

Yours sincerely

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