27th February 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders

We are holding a consultation to become part of the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust (DEMAT). Governors are proposing that Forest Academy joins other schools, including Elveden C of E Primary Academy, to join an existing Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). These schools will continue to work in partnership within the DEMAT.

In considering conversion to the DEMAT, the over-riding concerns of governors are to ensure that our school continues to provide the best possible standard of education and care for our children. With this in mind, your views are important to us and we are extremely keen to hear your thoughts.

Key points of converting to the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust:

• Our school will retain its character and will continue to look, feel and be the same as it is now with the same uniform, school name, school times, holiday pattern and admission policy.

• The MAT organisation does not affect your choice of secondary school for your child. We will continue to work closely with all our local schools including all our local secondary schools.

• Both Head Teachers and existing governing bodies will continue to lead our schools on a daily basis as they do now and parents will continue to be represented on the Governing Body.

• The MAT arrangements will share some services across the schools which will help them be more efficient and make sure that funding is focused on teaching, learning and support for children.

This is a decision taken by the Governing Body after careful consideration of all available information. They believe it represents the best way to preserve the future of the schools, whilst continuing to strive to provide an outstanding education for all the young people in our area.

There will be a meeting at Forest Academy at 4.30pm on Monday 5th March at which you can ask any questions in relation to this change.

Consultation begins from 5th March and will end at 4.00pm on Friday 23rd March 2018. Any responses should be received in writing by this date to be recorded as part of this consultation.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Hodgkinson

Chair of Governors