



Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Academy Transfer

Following the decision by the BPMAT Trust Board to join Reach South Academy Trust, the Regional School Commissioner has formally approved the school to join Reach South with a target transfer date 1st March 2018.

Reach South was established in 2016, with a view to working with primary, secondary, Special and all through schools in the south west region. Reach South is part of the REACH family of Trusts and will be led by CEO, Dean Ashton. Dean worked alongside Sir Steve Lancashire in setting up Reach South's sister Trust, REAch2 and is now committed to expanding the outstanding opportunities for learning, offered by the REACH family, across the south west region. Dean began his career in education as a secondary science teacher before taking roles in school management and leadership. Dean then moved into Local Authority education leadership, most notably, taking the role of Corporate Director of Children's Services at Cornwall Council.

Reach South Academy Trust exists to provide schools that serve their local community, offering parents and guardians access to the highest quality of school for their children. Our central mission is for Reach South pupils to aspire to achieve beyond the expectations that others place on them.

To support parents and carers in understanding what it means to be a Reach South Academy, we have prepared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document which is annexed to this letter.

If you have a question regarding the proposed Academy transfer, which we have not answered on the FAQs sheet, please feel free to email us directly at info@reachsouth.org

Yours sincerely

Dean Ashton
Chief Executive Officer