



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hodgson Academy has existed as a single academy trust since 2011, during which time we have continued to grow and develop as a school as well as forming and growing a variety of partnerships. These have included being a forming sponsor of the Fylde Coast Academy Trust which supports a number of schools in the Blackpool and Wyre areas as well as establishment of a designated teaching school and SCITT (school-centred initial teacher training). Each of these endeavours have been in partnership with the Blackpool Sixth Form College and supported by a range of partners in the local area.

Over the past 18 months Hodgson has been considering the potential benefits to education in this area of converting from a single academy trust (SAT) to a multi academy trust (MAT) to join with other like-minded and high-quality local schools/college on a partnership of equals basis to form an organisation that will further develop and enhance the education and life chances of the students in this area. Other partners have accompanied us on this journey and the governing bodies of each of the schools are proud to present for consultation the formation of a multi-academy trust (permanent name TBC) – a group of five schools who wish to establish a MAT to serve the students, parents, employers and local communities of this area.

The founder establishments of the trust would be:

- Chadwick High School, Lancaster
- The Blackpool Sixth Form College, Blackpool
- Hodgson Academy, Poulton-le-Fylde
- Lytham St Anne's High School, Lytham St Anne's
- McKee College House, Poulton-le-Fylde

Each of these providers is strong in its own right and we would be coming together to create something greater than the sum of the parts. We truly believe that this trust can drive educational standards further and make this a truly amazing area in which to be educated.

As part of our consultation on these proposals we are writing to you and would welcome your comments and questions; the link to provide these is included in the covering email. These will be considered at an extraordinary governing body meeting in February and therefore this consultation will close on Monday 19th February at 9am. Where possible we will answer themes raised by updating our FAQs document which will be on the Hodgson Academy website from Monday 29th January.

We look forward to continuing to work together to enhance the life chances of the young people on the Fylde coast.

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors

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Headteacher

