

# ASHLYNS SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware that the governing board at Ashlyns School, along with those from Bridgewater Primary School, Greenway Primary & Nursery School, Swing Gate Infant School & Nursery and Westfield Primary School & Nursery, has been engaged for some time in the process of preparing to convert to become a Multi Academy Trust.

Since the beginning of this process in 2016, the governing board has continually reviewed the process and development of the Multi Academy Trust. After extensive and careful deliberation, the governing board has taken the decision to withdraw from converting to academy status and from joining the Chiltern Educational Trust.

Whilst we continue to recognise a range of benefits associated with academisation and the formation of Multi Academy Trusts, the board considers, at this point, that on balance, a continuation of the status quo is preferable for the education of the students in our care.

The board would like to reassure all parents and carers that we remain ambitious for our school's continuous improvement and are committed to maintaining, and developing, collaborative working between all the town's schools for the benefit of all local children.

Yours sincerely

**James Shapland**  
Headteacher

**Julie Laws**  
Chair of Governors