



DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

UPDATE: Darell School Joining Every Child, Every Day Academy Trust

In consultation with Every Child, Every Day Academy Trust and the Regional Schools Commissioner, we have agreed to move the conversion to academy status from 1 January 2018 to allow more time for the completion of necessary processes and paperwork, such as approval from Regional Schools Commissioner and preparation of long term leases. The main stages to academy conversion are:

- The school submits a new application for conversion to Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC);
- The Head Teacher Board considers the application. The Head Teacher board is a group of local Head Teachers appointed by the RSC. The board will either approve or reject the application;
- The Department for Education (DfE) releases conversion grant funds to allow completion of legal reviews and any further due diligence issues; and,
- The DfE approve of Education Funding Agreement.

The timetable for these activities is still under discussion and we will update you when these dates have been finalised.

We understand that this uncertainty may be of concern to both parents and staff and we are working to provide a clear timetable as soon as possible. If you have any further questions, you can contact the governors via the school office or info@darell.richmond.sch.uk.

Best regards,

The Governing Body

