

16 March 2011

Letter to All Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re Academy Status

Following careful consideration and a period of consultation and review I confirm that members of our governing body voted unanimously at their meeting on 2 March 2011 for the School to become an Academy under the new arrangements. We expect to convert on 1 April 2011.

I reassure you that this decision to convert to Academy status has not been taken lightly and we have deliberately taken our time to investigate the opportunity we have been given to ensure that it is the right thing to do for Cirencester Deer Park School, our learners, parents and staff, in the emerging educational landscape, and we have been careful to liaise closely with our partners in the community.

The most significant change will be how the School is funded and therefore, with regard to continuity and particularly in respect of our current curriculum provision and level of care, guidance and support this transition should be seamless. We remain deeply committed to maintaining our strong comprehensive ethos and school aims. We will continue to develop innovative practice, personalise learning and provide appropriate levels of challenge to ensure all of our pupils can make good progress. Their learning and life chances will continue to remain central to all we do.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about our Academy Status. Thank you for your interest and continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Chiquita Henson
Headteacher