Thursday 28th February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON REVISIONS TO THE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROYAL PARK AND GRAY’S FARM PRIMARY ACADEMIES

Background
The two schools joined their governing bodies from the beginning of the Summer Term 2017 and our first joint Governing Body meeting was held on 23rd May 2017. The bodies were joined as a result of having a shared executive Head Teacher over the schools and in order to strengthen both governing bodies. This is no longer the case.

Current Governance Arrangements
The current constitution of the governing body is set out below.

Reasons for Change
The shared governing body model has been successful and strengthened the team at a time when we were low on governors, but it has always posed a challenge for governors (staff governors, parent governors, and appointed community-based governors). Governors were required to be equally knowledgeable and committed in relation to both schools, while inevitably being much more closely attached to either one or the other through their role, for instance, as a parent or local resident.

Proposed New Arrangements
The local governing body and TKAT have approved the following proposal for a separation of the governing body into two separate bodies, one for each school, and now invite comments and feedback from the staff, parents and communities of both schools. Please send any comments by email to cthomas@tkat.org by Friday 8th March 2019.

Proposal:
- To separate the existing shared local governing body into two independent local governing bodies, one for each school, each with its own chair and vice chair (see proposed new constitutions below).
- To continue to share activities and staff when needed for particular purposes, supported by TKAT’s regional directors.

Kind regards

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Executive Head Teacher