



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we sent out a letter to all parents regarding our school joining with four other local Edmonton schools to become the **Children First Academy Trust**. You will be aware that the Governors and leaders of the school have been considering this for a long time and we informed you of this back in September 2017. Our application to the Department for Education was approved in December 2018, and we still believe that this is the right thing for the school to do at this time.

You will know that most of the secondary schools, both in Enfield and nationally, are now academies and many primary schools as well. More and more schools are converting and the Government continue to say that they want all schools to become academies.

In a speech on 23rd January 2019, Damien Hinds, the Education Secretary, said:

- *More than 50% of children in state-funded schools in England are now taught in an academy or free school, with standards rising faster in many sponsored academies than in similar council-run schools. I want more schools to choose to become an academy and enjoy the enormous benefits it provides to schools, their staff and pupils.*

Please take the time to read the information that is posted on the website, this includes why we feel it is the right time to do this, key information as well as some frequently asked questions and answers. Please be assured, Raynham Primary School will remain exactly as it is, with the same name, vision, logo and uniform.

If you have any further queries, please look at the website, which explains where to direct questions.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours faithfully

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