



# Nether Stowe School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that the Governing Board of Nether Stowe School have identified the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership as our preferred partner in a 'Multi Academy Trust' of academy schools working in collaboration.

The Arthur Terry School and its MAT is based nearby in Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield and comprises both primary and secondary schools, is well established and has a strong and consistent track record of success.

Over the past few years more and more schools have become academies. Both the Government and Staffordshire County Council have indicated that they wish all schools to become academies within Multi-Academy Trusts. As you would expect, the Governing Board wanted to carefully choose the right partner for our school, and community, before it potentially became compulsory to do so.

The Governing Board have considered a number of options and MATs and evaluated how they would benefit our community, particularly the students and staff. As Governors we wanted to find a partner that would bring great strengths and experience to our school but also allow us to maintain our ethos and identity. We selected Arthur Terry Learning Partnership because it clearly meets these requirements and has a shared 'like-mindedness' of values and purpose.

We are at the start of an exciting journey and early next year we will start the process of formal consultation. At that time we will send you additional information and [invite you to a meeting to find out more and share your views.](#)

The current expectation is this overall process and journey will mean Nether Stowe School will join the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust by the start of the autumn term 2018.

Yours faithfully

**Gary Crowe**  
Chair of Governors

