



Striving in Harmony to Inspire, Nurture and Excel

4th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware from recent correspondence with Mrs Parkhurst, that Crowmoor Primary School is the subject of an Academy Order following its Ofsted Inspection in January 2023 and that the school will be joining the SHINE Academies family. As we are new to Shropshire, I wanted to provide you with some information about our multi-academy trust (MAT) and offer reassurance for the months ahead.

SHINE Academies is a well-established MAT, made up of four schools:

- Northwood Park Primary School, Wolverhampton
- Villiers Primary School, Wolverhampton
- Lodge Farm Primary School, Walsall
- Busill Jones Primary School, Walsall

Crowmoor Primary School will be our first school within Shropshire, but is in easy driving distance of all of our existing schools due to the proximity of the M54.

Children only get one chance for their primary education, and we have high expectations of our pupils and staff, working to 'Strive in Harmony to Inspire, Nurture and Excel'. Whilst we all understand the importance of the core subjects, our pupils are much more than a numerical outcome. We strongly believe that all pupils should have an opportunity to find their niche and reach their potential in all areas. This is supported by a steadfast commitment to the arts and sport, as well as opportunities for exploring cultural capital making our pupils exceptional citizens.

I am proud that all of our schools are recognised as inclusive environments for our pupils, and we pride ourselves on having skilled practitioners to support our diverse communities. Our family support team has broad expertise and the capacity to support our pupils and their families in many areas beyond the classroom, including mental health, bereavement and housing support. We offer a range of opportunities to our pupils, creating a high-quality educational experience, in a safe, creative and exciting learning environment.

SHINE Academies is a small MAT that our stakeholders describe as a 'family'. I am proud that our schools maintain their own identity and characteristics, whilst joining a MAT that supports the strategy and school improvement journey, alongside the business elements of running an educational establishment. SHINE Academies has a mission to grow with a measured approach, and with likeminded schools joining our Trust. Our talented leaders recognise the need to evolve and take mitigated risks in order to ensure our pupils are ambitious and ready for the challenges of secondary school and beyond.

The Trust has already been providing school to school support to Crowmoor Primary School since April 2023. The conversion of the school to an academy will formalise the working relationship with the school becoming part of the MAT. We will be working with the Local Authority and Department for Education to progress the academisation and hope to be able to confirm a conversion date with you during the Autumn term.

I am delighted that SHINE Academies has been chosen as the sponsor for Crowmoor Primary School and the team and I are looking forward to opportunities to meet with you all in the new academic year. In the meantime, whilst Mrs Parkhurst remains your main point of contact for any school queries, if you have any queries, concerns or comments regarding academisation and/or SHINE Academies, please don't hesitate to contact us via enquiries@shineacademies.co.uk

For more information about SHINE Academies, please see our website – www.shineacademies.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



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