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Dear Parent/Carer, Colleague and Professional

## Academy Conversion – A Consultation with Stakeholders

I am writing to inform you that the Governing Body of Fountains Primary and Fountains High School have begun the process of consulting about academy conversion. I hope that you will be able to contribute to the consultation process.

Details about what becoming an academy may mean for the school are available on the school's website at [www.fountainsfederation.co.uk/esteem](http://www.fountainsfederation.co.uk/esteem). Paper copies are available from the school office.

It is important to be clear that should the school convert to an academy, then the school will retain its own independence, identity and local Governing Body. The proposal is that we will join Esteem Multi-Academy Trust with the following Derbyshire schools and Derbyshire support centres who we work with very closely already.

Amber Valley & Erewash Support Centre, Ilkeston  
Bennerley Fields School, Ilkeston  
Holbrook School for Autism, Belper  
North East Derbyshire Support Centre, Chesterfield  
Peak School, Chinley  
South Derbyshire Support Centre, Swadlincote  
Stanton Vale School, Long Eaton

At this school, we are proud of our close links and good working relationships with our neighbouring schools and the links between primary and secondary schools. That will also be retained.

I have also enclosed a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) that have been raised with other schools who have been through this process and the answers as they relate to Fountains Primary and Fountains High School.

Once again, thank you for your continued commitment to and relationship with the school. I hope you feel able to comment on our proposals for moving forward. The deadline for consultation is **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**; if you wish to provide your comments you can do so via the consultation response form attached or email [officehigh@fountains.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:officehigh@fountains.staffs.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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