

Ashbourne Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

I write to update you on the proposed formation of a new Multi-academy Trust, which, as you will be aware, we have been working towards since May 2022, when we first explored the possibility.

I am delighted to share with you, that earlier this week, we received confirmation from the Department for Education (DfE) that we have approval to form a new Multi-academy Trust, which will be called ACE Derbyshire Trust. This also means that our schools have been granted permission to convert to academy status, if we wish, and join a trust of our choice - for us this will be ACE Derbyshire.

Whilst this is exciting news, the process of conversion and forming a new trust is not a quick one. We will now be allocated a case worker to put together a timeline for the process.

We will keep you updated on developments and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to share your views and ask questions.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and if you have immediate questions, please do let me know.

Kind regards,

Paula Chisholm