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Consultation on the proposal for Greenfield Primary School to become an academy and join Focus Trust

Dear colleagues,

I am writing on behalf of Greenfield Primary School's Governing Body to invite your views on the proposal for our school to become an academy and join Focus Trust.

The formal consultation will run from Monday 5th October until Friday 6th November 2026. As a member of our local education community, we would welcome your perspective before governors decide whether to proceed.

Over recent months, governors and school leaders have undertaken a detailed process to explore the options available to Greenfield. This has included considering three academy trusts, visiting schools and speaking with headteachers, staff, governors and trust leaders. Following this work, the Governing Body has identified Focus as its preferred trust.

Focus is a multi-academy trust working with primary schools across the North West and West Yorkshire. We believe its values and approach align closely with Greenfield's ethos, particularly its emphasis on the individuality of its schools, collaboration and professional development.

The Governing Body believes that joining Focus could strengthen the support available to Greenfield through shared expertise, school improvement support, professional learning and access to specialist services. We also see opportunities to broaden the learning and enrichment experiences available to our children.

Our relationships with local schools, nurseries and other education providers remain important to us. If the proposal proceeds, we would continue to value and develop these partnerships, including our work together on transition, inclusion and support for children and families. Maintaining Greenfield's identity and its contribution to the local community is central to our consideration of this proposal.

We recognise that joining a trust would bring changes to the school's governance and accountability arrangements. No final decision has been made and this consultation provides an opportunity to consider the potential benefits, concerns and practical implications fully.

We would particularly welcome any comments about how the proposal might affect our work with local settings, alongside any other questions or views you wish to share.

Consultation documents, frequently asked questions and a response questionnaire will be available on our school website:

<https://www.greenfieldprimaryschool.com/page/?title=Academisation&pid=345>

You can contribute by completing the questionnaire or emailing your comments and questions to:

consultation@greenfield.oldham.sch.uk



If you would find a conversation helpful, please contact me through the school office. Paper copies of the consultation documents are also available on request.

Please submit any feedback by Friday 6th November 2026.

Following the close of consultation, an extraordinary meeting of the full Governing Body is planned for the week beginning Monday 9th November. Governors will consider the consultation feedback alongside the findings from due diligence before deciding on the next steps. The outcome will then be shared through the consultation webpage. Any conversion would remain subject to the necessary approvals and completion of the required arrangements.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the proposal. We value our place within the local education community and look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of our children and families.

Kind regards,



Ben Storey
Headteacher
On behalf of the Governing Body

