



Greenfield Primary School

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

Dear parents and carers,

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

The consultation will run from Monday 5th October until Friday 6th November 2026. No final decision has been made and we want to give our school community the opportunity to understand the proposal, ask questions and share their views before governors decide whether to proceed.

Over recent months, governors and school leaders have been exploring how we can best support Greenfield's continued development. This has included considering three academy trusts, visiting schools and speaking with headteachers, teachers, support staff, governors and trust leaders. Following this work, the Governing Body has identified Focus as its preferred trust.

An academy is a state-funded school run by an academy trust. It remains free to attend, but responsibility for the school passes from the local authority to the trust. A multi-academy trust brings a group of schools together under one organisation, enabling them to share expertise, support and resources.

Focus is a multi-academy trust working with primary schools across the North West and West Yorkshire. We believe its values and approach are closely aligned with Greenfield's ethos. In particular, we were impressed by its commitment to the individuality of its schools, its focus on collaboration and the support available to school leaders and staff.

The Governing Body believes that joining Focus could benefit Greenfield through:

- Working with other primary schools to strengthen teaching and learning and share successful approaches.
- Providing wider learning and enrichment opportunities for our children.
- Offering professional development and support for teachers and support staff.
- Accessing specialist expertise and shared resources to help us make effective use of our funding.

Preserving Greenfield's identity and its place within our community is central to this proposal. There is no proposal to change the school's name or uniform as part of joining Focus. Children would continue to attend Greenfield and the school's leadership team would continue to manage its day-to-day running within the Trust's governance arrangements.

We recognise that joining a trust would be a significant change. Governors must consider the responsibilities and costs of trust membership, how decisions would be made for Greenfield and the implications for children, families and staff. This consultation is an opportunity for you to help us consider those matters fully.



A parent presentation and question-and-answer session will take place on Thursday 5th November at 4pm in school. I will lead the session with support from colleagues at Focus. We will explain the proposal and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and share any concerns.

You are welcome to submit questions and comments at any point during the consultation. You do not need to wait for, or attend, the meeting to take part.

Consultation documents, frequently asked questions and a response questionnaire will be available in the 'Academisation' section of our school website:

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

We will update the information during the consultation as further questions are answered. Paper copies can also be requested from the school office.

You can share your view by:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire available through the webpage above.
- Emailing questions, comments or concerns to consultation@greenfield.oldham.sch.uk
- Contributing at the parent meeting or arranging a conversation with me through the school office.

We welcome your views whether you support the proposal, have reservations or are still considering your position. Please submit your feedback by Friday 6th November 2026.

Alongside this consultation with families, we are seeking the views of staff, professional associations, neighbouring schools, nurseries and other stakeholders. We will also give children opportunities to share their views in an age-appropriate way.

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 feedback received, the findings from their detailed checks and the equality implications of the proposal before deciding on the next steps. We will then share the outcome with our school community. Any conversion would also require the necessary Department for Education approvals.

We are proud of Greenfield and the relationships between our children, families and staff. Our aim is to secure the support and opportunities that will help our school continue to thrive in the years ahead.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the proposal and contribute your views.

Kind regards,



Ben Storey
Headteacher
On behalf of the Governing Body

