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Dear Parents and Carers,

All schools are at an exciting juncture in their journey as the Government have released a new White Paper entitled, 'Opportunity for all Strong Schools with Great Teachers for Your Child'. Whilst a new Conservative Government awaits us, the former Secretary of State for Education Right Honourable Nadim Zarlawi stated,

*"A flourishing school system can only be achieved by schools working in partnership with each other, so that achievements of the very best schools can reach every corner of the country".*

Therefore, the White Paper aims for the following:

- an excellent teacher for every child in classrooms across England;
- a programme of teacher development (the biggest ever undertaken to invest in the future) revising teaching salaries to make teaching a more attractive, high-status profession to address the increasing number of teachers leaving the profession;
- new national professional qualifications;
- a new curriculum body to work with classteachers across the country;
- a focus upon behaviour and higher attendance, aiming to drive up attendance.

To realise the Government's White Paper 2030 aims, the Government's main aim is to create a fully trust-led system and it is with this background information that following governor and staff discussions, we have consulted with many Wolverhampton multi-academy trusts - wishing to work with a trust close to Oak Meadow - and have registered our interest in joining St. Bartholomew's Multi-Academy Trust with the Department for Education. The Trust is in Penn, Wolverhampton.

St Bartholomew's Multi-Academy Trust is a strong trust and has a proven record of excellence of working with schools, some requiring improvement. As Oak Meadow is a strong and successful school with strongly established roots within Ashmore Park and Wednesfield, we will be joining the Trust as a partner to work collaboratively on building school standards further, working in partnership with all schools within the Trust.

Speaking on behalf of Governors, staff members and myself, throughout our discussions and decision making processes, we have remained resolute to ensure:

- our school name is retained;
- uniform remains distinct to Oak Meadow;
- staff remain employed and contracted to Oak Meadow;
- curriculum and enrichment activities remain the same; and
- the school retains its own local governing board.

Whilst the White Paper is not to be fully realised until 2030, Governors, staff and I are excited to begin this new journey if our register of interest and future application is applied and realised. In the ensuing weeks, if you would like to discuss the school's new proposed venture of joining a trust working as a family of schools, please contact school to discuss the matter with me. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

*S Arnold*

Mr S Arnold  
Headteacher

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...

