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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Beaminster School and Aspirations Academy Trust – Open Forum Meeting

As part of the development of our partnership with **Aspirations Multi-Academy Trust** we would like to invite all parents and carers to an open forum meeting with the Regional CEO, David Herbert, Beaminster School Governors and our Senior Leadership team, on **Wednesday 14 September at 6pm in the LRC**.

At this meeting we will explain more about Multi-Academy Trusts, the family of schools within Aspirations, and how the proposed partnership will not only support and maintain the uniqueness of our school's character, but will also further enrich experiences for our pupils, opening up new and inspirational opportunities that are beyond our current reach. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions that you might want to raise.

Importantly, we will maintain our successful Joint Sixth Form with The Sir John Colfox Academy and their new partners, the Wimborne Academy Trust, and also to continue the close association we have with our primary and secondary partners in West Dorset, whilst at the same time building exciting new links both regionally and nationally with Aspirations, a highly successful and well-regarded organisation. We are also working to ensure that our long and valued association with the Salisbury Diocese continues.

The Department for Education will be considering the proposal on 18 October 2022, and a final decision will be taken by Beaminster School Governors and The Aspirations Trust Board in late Autumn 2022. We want to gather the views of parents/carers, school colleagues and those associated with our school community as they are an important part of the decision-making process.

If you wish to provide any views or comments about the proposal directly to the Department for Education, please email [RG.SW@education.gov.uk](mailto:RG.SW@education.gov.uk). This inbox will be open between 6<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

If you wish to provide any views or comments to the Trust's Board to inform their final decision, please email [Info@aspirationsacademies.org](mailto:Info@aspirationsacademies.org) and/or [office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk) by 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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