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Dear Parents and Carers

Many of you will be aware of the National Building Schools for the Future programme that is working with Children's Services across the country. This initiative is concerned with developing schools for the 21st Century and is providing a catalyst for the transformation of education that will allow and support our children and young people to achieve positive outcomes in all areas of their lives.

In Bournemouth we have been fortunate to receive funding to transform five of our secondary schools over the next few years and I am pleased to inform you that The Bishop of Winchester School is one of those five and that it is the intention of the Governors of the school to transform the school into an Academy as part of this process.

Over the past year Bournemouth Children's Services, the school governors and the Diocese of Winchester have worked hard to bring together a group of Academy Sponsors that we feel will enable the school to continue on its trajectory to success. As a result it is proposed that the Diocese of Winchester will be the lead sponsor of the Academy with the University of Winchester, Bournemouth School and Bournemouth School for Girls as co-sponsors.

Creating an Academy from another school means that we have to follow a process which enables the current school to cease on one day and the new Academy open on the next day. This is a positive process that will lead to exciting opportunities unfolding as the new team of sponsors develop the Academy. To enable this process to happen Bournemouth Children's Services are supporting the Governors in undertaking the necessary statutory consultation. This information pack contains all the relevant details of the consultation process and I hope that you will use this opportunity to let us know your views on the proposal.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane Portman".

Jane Portman
Executive Director
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