



28th January 2025

Dear Local Community Members,

Re: Proposed Change of Status to Academy Status

The governing body of Chandlers Field Primary School is considering a proposal to convert our school to an academy as part of LEO Academy Trust. We believe it's important to involve our local community in this decision and would like to explain this proposal and how you can share your thoughts.

What does becoming an academy mean?

An academy is a state-funded school that operates independently of the local authority. It receives funding directly from the central government and has more freedom in how it operates.

We are proposing to join LEO Academy Trust, a well-established group of academies that includes several local schools.

How might this benefit our community?

We believe becoming an academy could offer several benefits:

- Potential for increased funding: This could enable us to further invest in resources and facilities, benefiting our pupils and potentially the wider community.
- Enhanced curriculum and extracurricular activities: Greater flexibility could allow us to tailor our offerings to better meet the needs of our pupils and potentially offer additional opportunities for the community.
- Stronger partnerships: Collaboration with other academies within LEO Academy Trust could foster partnerships that benefit our school and the local area.

Will the school change significantly?

We want to reassure you that the core values and ethos of Chandlers Field Primary School will remain the same. We do not anticipate major changes beyond those aimed at continuing to improve Chandlers Field Primary School. The school's name will change to Chandlers Field Primary Academy, but our uniform, logos, and day-to-day school life will largely remain unchanged.

How can you get involved?

We value your input and encourage you to share your thoughts on this proposal. You can:

- Attend a community meeting - on Wednesday 27th February at 10.30 Online via [this link](#).
- Submit your feedback in writing - to info@chandlers-field.surrey.sch.uk



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The consultation period will run from 3rd February 2025 to 1st March 2025 We will carefully consider all feedback before making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest in the future of our School.

Yours Sincerely,

Chair of Governors & Headteacher