



# Earls Barton Primary School

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17th January 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

We wrote to you in October regarding our intention to join a multi-academy trust to support the school to deliver our mission of “Excellence in Everything.”

Since then, we have continued a close working partnership and ongoing due diligence with our preferred multi-academy trust. I can now confirm that the DFE Regional Board for the East Midlands have approved our request to begin the transfer of EBPS joining Hatton Academies Trust (HAT). I am delighted that the DFE, the HAT board and EBPS governors have all agreed that this will be a mutually beneficial arrangement that will offer many benefits for our school. Please see the attached introductory letter from Rob Hardcastle, CEO of HAT.

Senior leaders and governors have spent over 2 years to get to this point and it is important to emphasise we are choosing to join HAT as we believe they are a Trust which aligns closely with our mission, vision and values and will add significant capacity to our school and will help us enhance the education and opportunities we can offer the children and families of Earls Barton.

It is essential to clarify that there will be no changes to the school’s name, uniform, staff or leadership team as a result of this transition and our dedicated governors will continue to have a vital role in overseeing the strategic development of our school. As stated previously, the day-to-day running of the school will remain the same; ensuring continuity for children and families. Please see the attached parent frequently asked questions (FAQs) for further information.

The date of conversion is as yet unknown as the formal consultation and staff transfer process from the local authority has not yet officially started. We will update you on the timeline as the process continues.

Representatives from HAT and our governors will be available to meet EBPS parents and carers during our planned parent consultation evening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 3:30 – 6pm in the school hall. Further details and reminders will follow, as well as details of how to book your usual parents’ evening appointment(s).

Mr Hardcastle has already visited the school many times to meet with senior leaders. He will visit again next week for his introduction to the School Council where the children will have the opportunity to ask any questions they have about HAT and academisation. We will also be holding assemblies with all children, as well as staff events to make this change as transparent and seamless as possible for all.

If you have any concerns or queries, please speak to one of us in person or contact the school and we will get back in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Marie Lally & Mr Ben Morris

Co-headteachers

Mrs Ruth Palmer

Chair of Governors

