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Dear Parent/Carer,

Proposals for Holmbush Primary School to become an academy

As you know, the Governing Body has been consulting on whether to apply for Holmbush Primary School to become an academy. The governing body has been informed that the DfE agrees in principle to Holmbush Primary School becoming an academy and we have been granted an Academy Order. You can see the letter and Academy Order alongside this letter.

The governing body met last week to review all the questionnaires from the consultation in the Autumn Term. The report on this consultation can also be seen alongside this letter. In view of the positive comments and feedback from the consultation the governing body is resolved to convert to becoming an academy with the Univeristy of Brighton Academy Trust (UBAT) on 1st April 2015.

What happens next?

- The TUPE process for staff at the school begins this month.
- A Funding Agreement and the Articles of Association of the Academy Trust need to be agreed with UBAT and the Department for Education (DfE).

If these are completed appropriately within the time frame the school will convert to Holmbush Primary Academy on 1st April and West Sussex County Council shall cease to maintain Holmbush Primary School.

There is still a lot of work to be done but we are very positive about the future of our school and will keep you updated.

Many of the questions asked by parents, staff and the community have been answered in the consultation report but we just want to emphasise the following:

We continue to stock and sell school uniform but once current stocks are sold out we will not be ordering new stock until after conversion and it will have the word Academy instead of School on the logo. All school uniform remains the same and there are no changes. You do not need to buy new uniform.

The school logo remains the same with the only change being School to Academy.

Staffing for the Summer Term will also remain exactly the same.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Rob Gamon
Chair of Governors
Holmbush Primary School

Rebecca Jackson
Headteacher