



Hadleigh High School

Dear Parent or Carer,

PROPOSAL TO CREATE THE SOUTH SUFFOLK LEARNING TRUST

The school Governing Body has been carefully considering the future strategy for Hadleigh High School given current Government policy on education and the running of schools.

Our school is performing well with current Ofsted judgement of *Good*. However, in an increasingly challenging educational landscape we recognise that maintaining and improving school performance needs a more robust and sustainable plan.

The proposed plan

Governors and Headteachers from the four secondary schools in south Suffolk have been exploring deeper school-to-school partnership for a few months, having already seen some of the benefits of working with other schools.

- Claydon High School
- East Bergholt High School
- Hadleigh High School
- Northgate High School

The proposal is to create the South Suffolk Learning Trust, a new multi academy trust. We are confident that the South Suffolk Learning Trust would enable each school to flourish through greater collaboration and joint working between member schools.

The proposed multi academy trust would be established in April 2017 by East Bergholt and Hadleigh High Schools, which are already academies and Claydon High School, which would convert to academy status. It is envisaged that Northgate High School Governors will vote at a later date on whether to enter consultation with their stakeholders. Northgate will not join the Trust before 2018 at the earliest, but would be an active partner in school improvement work from day one. Please use the link below to see the reasons for the delay.

<http://www.northgate.suffolk.sch.uk/about-northgate/academy-status/>

We have set out in more detail the plan, benefits, vision and management of the proposed South Suffolk Learning Trust in the attached document.

Consultation on the proposed plan

Governors wish to consult with parents, carers, staff, students and the wider school community on the proposal. The consultation will run from Monday, September 12th until Friday, October 21st.

We would like to invite parents and carers to a meeting on Monday 19th September at 6 p.m.

The Headteacher, Caroline Gibson, Governors and colleagues from the other schools will make a brief presentation before giving you the chance to ask questions. We will then conduct a survey to understand your views before making a final decision in November 2016.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th September.

Yours sincerely,

Sandy Davies
Chair of Governors

Caroline Gibson
Headteacher