

# **North of Tyne**

## **Multi – Academy Trust**

Collingwood Primary School  
New York Primary School  
Percy Main Primary School  
Riverside Primary School  
Waterville Primary School

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Welcome to our second news bulletin.

As promised, every two weeks we will provide you with an update to let you know how matters are progressing.

Firstly, you will see that we have agreed on a name for our Multi Academy Trust – ‘NORTH OF TYNE’ - which reflects our geographical location but which is also unique. We had a lot of ideas initially but it appears others got there first so a lot of our original ideas were rejected because they already existed!

Since our first bulletin on 15<sup>th</sup> April, we have now entered into the Consultation Stage where we have not only notified our stakeholders and community groups, but have held a number of meetings for interested parties.

On 18<sup>th</sup> April, we held a Consultation Meeting for all staff employed at all 5 schools and listened to views and opinions.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April, we met with the Teaching and Support Staff Unions to give them the opportunity to ask questions.

This week and next, each school will have held Consultation Meetings for interested parents.

On 26<sup>th</sup> April, the Project Lead from the Solicitor's firm led an information sharing meeting for all Governing Bodies from all 5 schools and school staff were invited to attend.

The Consultation Period is due to end towards the end of May when all Governing Bodies will take account of all responses received as part of this process. Each individual Governing Body will then elect to pass a resolution either to proceed with conversion or to opt out.

Also this week, all schools have received a visit from the Property solicitor who has walked around our schools' land and boundaries and this visit has been followed up by a visit from the Local Authority. This is because once schools become academies, the ownership of the land transfers to the Academy – or the Multi Academy Trust – and is no longer owned by the Council.

Remember, all our schools have dedicated sections on our websites where you will be able to track our progress and follow our journey.