

10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Councillor

**Formal Consultation on Joining a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)**

We are writing to inform you that Fairfield High School for Girls has requested to join ‘**Stamford Park Trust**’.

We believe that this will be a positive move for both the school and the Trust and will offer many benefits to us.

Our school staff work extremely hard to provide a high-quality education for our children. The Trust Board’s priority is to enable our school to continue to provide an excellent education for our pupils, whilst protecting our school’s ethos and identity and retaining its individual qualities and strengths.

After meeting with the **Chief Executive Officer (Mr. Anton McGrath)** a number of times to hear first-hand from him about the benefits for Fairfield High School for Girls in joining their Trust; our Trust Board agreed to pursue this option as it felt right for everyone.

Stamford Park Trust is ‘**Tameside**’ based and it currently has four establishments within its Trust:

- **Ashton Sixth Form College**
- **Longdendale High School**
- **Rayner Stephens High School**
- **Astley Sports Village**

Working together in partnership with them will offer many benefits for our pupils and the wider community.

Fairfield High School for Girls is now formally consulting on its proposal to join Stamford Park Trust from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**.

Information regarding the Consultation can be found on our website by clicking the link on the pop-up page.

The Consultation will run for six weeks from **8.00 a.m. on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 until 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**.

The Consultation is open to everyone; including parents/carers, pupils, staff, stakeholders and the wider community.

Your sincerely

***Bev Worthington***

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**Chair of the Trust Board**