

14th December 2023

Dear Headteacher

Joining a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) – Polite Introductory Letter

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.

We are hoping that this conversion will commence from **1st September 2024**.

In line with statutory requirements, we will be formally consulting on our proposal to join Stamford Park Trust from **Wednesday 10th January to Wednesday 21st February 2024**; the consultation will run for **six weeks**. The consultation will be open to everyone; including parents/carers, pupils, staff, stakeholders and the wider community.

The strength of our school and that of our prospective partners means we are confident that we have the vision, skills and resources to serve the best interests of our community and to shape our own future destiny.

We will communicate with you again on the formal consultation process.

Your sincerely

Bev Worthington

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Chair of the Trust Board