



# BRIDLINGTON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As many of you will be aware the Government Academy agenda has been in existence since the early 2000s. Initially, the purpose of an Academy was to support schools in difficulty using a stronger sponsor school. In 2010 the introduction of the 'convertor' school opportunity meant that highly successful schools could take advantage of the opportunities presented by Academy status. In recent years, the Governing Body of Bridlington School have frequently reviewed the position as part of the strategic planning and vision for the future of successful education at the school.

In our most recent discussion regarding the current re-emergence of the academy agenda as a Government priority, the successful position of both secondary schools within the town and the extremely positive relationship that has been built between the two schools, I am excited to inform you that the Governing Bodies of both Bridlington School and Headlands School have taken the very proactive step of passing a resolution to explore conversion to academy status as a partnership.

In effect, what this means is that Governors have recognised the opportunities that a potential Multi Academy Trust centred around Bridlington and focused on education within Bridlington can bring to the town both now and for a positive sustainable future. This resolution is merely the start of a long process of due diligence and consultation with you our community which will be ongoing as we journey together in this project over the coming months.

I appreciate that any form of change can bring with it questions, consequently further details will be shared in the coming weeks and months. This will give me a chance to share detail of the rationale for the decision to further explore this exciting opportunity for Bridlington and answer questions that our parents and carers will have. We will soon be compiling a Frequently Asked Questions document for parents and will open an email opportunity for you to share any questions you may have as we progress. In addition, in the summer term there will be a face to face meeting with parents, when we can all meet safely together. This letter is merely an introduction to the process but I, alongside the Governing Body, felt it was important to share our developments with you, our parents, carers and community partners, as quickly as possible.

I am delighted, after recent years of constantly communicating with you through dark times around the pandemic, that we are able to now focus on our strategic planning for the long term future of education and support for Bridlington children and young people.

I look forward to the opportunity to speak to you in person and share our progress at the most appropriate time.

Yours sincerely,

**Kate Parker-Randall**  
Headteacher

**David Baldock**  
Chair of Governors

