



2 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to share the exciting news that following extensive discussions the Governors of Fern Hill Primary School have decided to explore the formalisation of the relationship with Kingston Educational Trust (KET - the educational charity / academy trust that operates The Kingston Academy). The Governors have unanimously agreed that - subject to statutory consultation - Fern Hill should apply to join KET's academy trust while KET's trustees have also unanimously agreed to welcome this move. As a result of this formalised partnership KET would change to become a multi-academy trust (MAT).

Since The Kingston Academy opened, leaders and governors of both organisations have constantly explored ways that we might best collaborate to provide mutual support, challenge and benefits for our schools. Whilst Fern Hill and TKA have unique identities which we are keen to maintain, we firmly believe that our shared ambition to provide outstanding education for our children, along with our very obvious cultural fit (and of course our close geographical proximity) offers huge opportunities for us to enhance and improve the wonderful work that already goes on within the two schools. We have enclosed a paper written by Ms Cavanagh and Mr Scott, our Head Teachers, which sets out just some of the advantages that they believe joining together within KET will bring.

Formally recognising our partnership in this way represents a wonderful opportunity for both schools and we are all very much looking forward to embarking on this exciting journey together. We look forward to hearing your views and comments as we move through the process over the coming months.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Dean".

Susan Dean  
Chair, Fern Hill Governing Body

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham Willett".

Graham Willett  
Chair, Kingston Educational Trust