

Dear (Parents)

### **Proposal for Furzeham Primary School to join with a Multi Academy Trust (MAT)**

Furzeham Primary school prides itself on an ethos that develops all pupils within a high-quality inclusive learning environment that allows them to begin their academic journey to become their best selves. Whilst Furzeham Primary School recognises academic success is very important, we also want our children to develop as confident and independent learners that are inspired to learn and try new experiences.

In the past, the school has been keen to create a formal partnership with Brixham College for the benefit of both school's pupils, staff, and the wider community. These relationships would enable the development of an all-through educational model for Furzeham. With this in mind, and in response to the ever-changing educational landscape, Furzeham Primary School has explored the potential of coming together under the umbrella of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to join a family of schools.

We are excited to inform you that we are planning to join The Thinking Schools Academy Trust and have created a video, available below, for you to learn more about what this means for Furzeham Primary School from November 2022.

<https://www.tsatrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Paul-Adams-Headteacher-Furzeham-Consultation.mp4>

### **Who are Thinking Schools Academy Trust (TSAT)?**

Thinking Schools Academy Trust is a very successful Multi Academy Trust that operates across the south coast of England with Hubs in Medway, Kent, Portsmouth and Plymouth. The Trust looks after 18 schools covering primary and secondary education and base their education principles on the Thinking Schools research model from Exeter University, renowned internationally for its cognitive teaching and learning expertise. The Trust recently expanded, at the request of the government's Regional Schools Commissioner into the South West, with Plymouth High School for Girls and Plympton Academy recently joining.

### **What next?**

We know it is essential that our Governors consider the views of our community, so as part of the process, we are holding an online consultation. The consultation website can be found below and the window to express views will be open from today and will close on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

<https://www.tsatrust.org.uk/furzeham-primary-nursery-joining-thinking-schools-academy-trust-consultation/>

My intention for this letter is to inform you of the discussions that are happening and to reassure you that any decisions will be given full consideration as part of a process of due diligence. Our ultimate aim is to further improve the life chances, opportunities and educational provision for your child and all future children at Furzeham within an ever-changing educational landscape.

Thank you for your continued support.