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within a Christian setting.**

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Dear Parents/Carers and Stakeholders

Many thanks to all of you who have taken part in our month-long open consultation process regarding conversion to an Academy with the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) which has now come to a close.

The Governors have appreciated all of the feedback that they have received and enjoyed sharing with you their vision for the future of The Blake School. The feedback regarding Academy conversion received following the Open Consultation evening was very positive, 83% of those who responded indicated that they agreed, or strongly agreed, that conversion to an Academy with ODST should be pursued. As the Governors are committed to ensuring that the whole school community can be part of the exploration of Academy status, they were particularly pleased that **all** those who attended the open consultation evening felt that the information you have received has been both helpful and informative.

The feedback from staff and governors has been similarly positive, all those who responded indicated that they have felt well informed, able to ask questions and have their questions answered. 85% of those who responded indicated that they agreed, or strongly agreed that conversion to an Academy should be pursued, the remaining 15% neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal.

There were a lot of questions raised during the consultation process; the governors have posted the questions and answers on the school website along with a summary of the consultation evening and a raft of other information about ODST and the Academy conversion process. If you have not had a chance to look at the information yet, may I encourage you to do so - <http://blakece.eschools.co.uk/website>

The Governors are now taking some time to consider all the feedback that was received, including that from the children at the school and will be meeting during December to discuss their next steps. A final decision regarding conversion to an Academy with ODST will be made by the Governors during January 2015. As soon as a formal decision has been made I will write to you again to advise you both of the decision that has been made and what will happen next.

Although the period of formal consultation is now over, the Governors are still happy to receive your comments and/or feedback. If you wish to contact the Governors you can do so via the school office, or via email - blakegovernors@googlemail.com

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Knowles
Chair of the Governors