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**MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST
CONSULTATION LETTER FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND
MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

Dear parent/carer/staff or member of the local community

You may be aware that many schools are considering their future status in the light of the Government's policy that all schools should become academies. Over the past year, the Governing Body of Alvaston Junior and Village Primary School Federation have been exploring a range of options to secure the best future for our schools. Having investigated a number of local and regional multi-academy trusts and the possibility of forming our own multi-academy trust within Derby, it was agreed to examine further, the opportunity of converting to academy status as part of a Derby Hub of Harmony Multi - Academy Trust.

I would like to assure parents, carers and members of our local community, that by consulting on this issue now, Alvaston Junior and Village Primary Federation is able to maintain more control over its ultimate destiny and protect those aspects which drew you to the schools in the first place. It is our belief that this development will only enhance the educational experience and opportunities for all children at our schools, even further.

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As schools that are rated 'Good' by Ofsted, Alvaston Junior and Village Primary Schools are in a strong position to be able to choose their future direction and if it joined Harmony Trust, we would play a strong part in influencing its future strategy and policies within the Derby area.

In accordance with the Academies Act 2010, the governing body is consulting on whether the school's academy conversion should take place. Further information about what becoming an academy means, and how to comment on the proposals are in the document attached to this letter.

This letter is part of our consultation process, which ends on Thursday 16th November 2017 at 4pm. Any responses must be received by then.

If you would like to hear more about the proposal and ask questions, there will be meetings held at each school - details are in the attached document.

This letter is also published on the school website <http://www.alvastonjandvillagefed.co.uk>

Yours sincerely

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