

Barrow Hall Community Primary School

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MISSION STATEMENT

"I am here to feel secure, to be valued, and to learn"

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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that the Board of Governors recently made a decision not to convert to academy status as part of the Omega Multi Academy Trust as planned on 1st January 2018. The Governing Body has now met to formalise this decision.

The Board of Governors recognises the importance of working together to benefit the children of the local schools and the local community. However, after a number of meetings and discussions, it was decided that we are unable to sign up to the Omega MAT. This is because we felt unable to adequately assess the risks and benefits of joining. In simple terms we wanted to be as sure as possible that the move would help us to continue improving our school and would create financial security and stability for Barrow Hall. Therefore, we are unable to commit to such a huge decision for our school at this time.

Governors would like to apologise for how the information about this initial decision was shared with our school community and any uncertainty this may have caused. As a Board of Governors, we would always expect to be the first to share information about Barrow Hall with our school community and feel it is regrettable that this did not happen on this occasion.

Finally, you may recall that Great Sankey High School consulted around a new Admissions Policy which would have seen the Omega MAT Primary Schools given priority around 12 months ago. However, this was not implemented because of objections from within the community and from the Local Authority at the time. This means that the change in position of our school on this issue has no impact on admissions to Great Sankey or any other high school.

Barrow Hall still believes in the vision of working together with all local schools, and should circumstances change in the future, we would reconsider if this is in the best interests of our children and of all involved parties.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Forrest
Chair of Governors