

6th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

PROPOSED TRANSFER TO THE DANES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

As you may already be aware, the governing body of Onslow St Audrey's School is proposing to join the Danes Educational Trust. As part of the process, we are consulting with parents, staff and other local stakeholders.

What is the Danes Educational Trust?

The Danes Educational Trust was established as a multi-academy trust in June 2016, converting from a single academy trust, St Clement Danes School, an over-subscribed, outstanding school in South West Hertfordshire. It was formed to allow the establishment of Croxley Danes School, a new, 11 to 18 secondary school which opened in September 2017 with Year 7 students and will grow year on year.

The Danes Educational Trust is led by its CEO, Dr Josephine Valentine, former Headteacher of St Clement Danes School, and is based on the school site in Chorleywood - a town close to Junction 18 of the M25. The Trust has a close association with the Herts & Bucks Teaching School Alliance which is led by St Clement Danes School. It also has an association with St Clement Danes' founding charity, Holborn Estates, established in London in 1551. More information about the Trust can be found here: www.daneseducationaltrust.org.uk.

Will Onslow St Audrey's School definitely join the Danes Educational Trust?

The governing body is in the process of submitting an application to the Department for Education to transfer to the Danes Educational Trust in April 2019. However, the school will not be obligated to transfer until the contract between the academy trust and the Department for Education (known as the Supplemental Funding Agreement) is signed.

The governing body will take into account any comments from stakeholders before taking the final decision to transfer. You are invited to a meeting on 17th December 2018 to learn more about the proposals to transfer, or to comment in person on the proposals. We have also held a meeting with staff, and will be keeping students informed throughout the process.

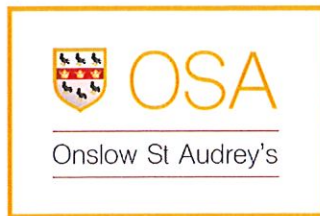
Any comments or representations which are made about the proposals will be considered by the school before a final decision is taken. Details of how to provide comments and representations are set out below.

Will the admissions arrangements change?

The current admission arrangements will remain in place for the time being. If the academy wanted to change its admission arrangements consultation would be required.

Will staff leave?

If the school transfers to the Danes Educational Trust, all staff currently employed by the school will automatically transfer to the new academy. Any change to pay and conditions would need to be consulted upon with staff representatives – no material changes are envisaged.



Will Onslow St Audrey's School change?

We do not intend to change Onslow St Audrey's School except in ways which we think will improve the school even more. For students, it is unlikely that they will see much, if any, change in their day to day school lives.

How can I find out more?

A meeting will be held at the school on Monday 17th December 2018 at 5.00pm. We would encourage you to attend if you have any questions, or simply want to learn more. If you cannot attend this meeting, please email Mr Dominic Richards, School Business Manager, who will try to assist with any questions. Email DRichards@onslow.herts.sch.uk.

How can I make representations?

To respond to this consultation on whether the school's academy conversion should take place, representations can be made in writing to Mr Dominic Richards, Onslow St Audrey's School, Old Rectory Drive, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 8AB, or by email to DRichards@onslow.herts.sch.uk.

The closing date for representations to be made is Wednesday 19th December 2018.

Yours sincerely,

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