



# Sir Frederic Osborn School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We welcome everyone back to school after what we hope was a peaceful Christmas holiday.

I am writing this letter to inform you that at the beginning of last term, the Board of Governors of Sir Frederic Osborn School proposed that we become an academy, sponsored by the Alban Academies Trust (AAT). The aim being to support Sir Frederic Osborn School on its journey of improvement.

On 19 December 2017 the Department for Education agreed the sponsorship of Sir Frederic Osborn School by the Alban Academies Trust. This decision has the approval of the Regional Schools Commissioner.

As you are already aware the AAT has been set up by Sandringham School, an 'outstanding school' in St Albans. The sponsorship with them will ensure that both schools work closely together as part of the Multi Academy Trust. The sponsorship element of this agreement will allow us to access additional funds to bring about further school improvements. The relationship will help to raise standards and will provide increased opportunities for staff and student development.

It is our intention that the Ridgeway Academy will open on the existing Herns Lane site on 1 September 2018.

Over the next few months we will begin the formal process to us becoming an academy. The Ridgeway Academy will have a new uniform, badge and vision statement but it will retain a commitment to serving the neighbourhood in which it is located. It is our intention to provide financial support to current families/carers concerning the cost of a new uniform. I will keep you updated about this and all other things associated with the academisation process as it progresses.

I do hope that this decision provides reassurance and confidence that we are determined to move our school forward and that the community of East Welwyn Garden City will have an academy of which it can be proud of.

Yours sincerely

Jed Whelan  
Headteacher

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