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Dear Foundation Trustees,

Academy update

I sent you a letter earlier this year to let you know that the governing body was embarking on a fact finding exercise to explore the pros and cons of our school converting to Academy status. The report and recommendations of this exercise, which included the input from the informal meetings held with parents, staff and other stakeholders were presented to the Full Governing Board meeting last week. A copy of this presentation is on the academies page of the school website.

The Governors decided at this meeting not to proceed further with the conversion to academy status at this point. The application process will be suspended while we "wait and see" how the environment changes. In particular how Wiltshire Local Authority's ability to provide services to schools is impacted as local schools convert to academy status and the money the LA get for schools reduces.

The governors have not ruled out conversion and will update the analysis of pros and cons and review their decision in January 2013. The next phase of a conversion process, should the Governors decide to restart the process would include formal consultations with staff, parents and the wider community.

As part of this initial analysis we were required to apply for academy status in order to receive the government grant which would fund the next step of the conversion process. This application has been processed and an academy order has been granted by the Department for Education. This means we now have access to the funds required should we choose to convert but it does not mean that we are or have decided to become an academy.

We will update you further after our next review in January 2013.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Lecomber'.

Rupert Lecomber
Chair of Governors

*Chris,
Thanks for your help earlier in the
year. This is intended to keep you
and the partnership informed as we
continue to look at academy status.
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