

5th October 2020

CONSULTATION ON LIMEHURST ACADEMY JOINING THE EAST MIDLANDS EDUCATION TRUST

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you of an important development at Limehurst Academy. As you know, Limehurst is a single academy school, i.e. it is not a local-authority maintained school, and nor is it part of a larger group of schools.

For a while now, the leadership and governance of Limehurst have been aware of our vulnerability as a small, stand-alone secondary school. These vulnerabilities are especially felt in four areas: finance, governance, recruitment/retention of staff, and capacity to continue operating as a single school.

We are proposing that Limehurst joins a larger group of schools, or trust, namely the East Midlands Education Trust (EMET), in order to secure our future and continued success. You can find out more about them at their website: <https://www.emet.academy/> We are genuinely excited about joining this trust, and the extra opportunities it will bring to our school, staff and students.

Limehurst Academy is an exceptional school. It has been rated as *well above average* by the DfE for the past three years, its highest rating. Its outcomes exceed the national average in every headline measure, and it has outperformed all secondary schools in Charnwood for the past three years. You can feel rightly proud to have played a part in that.

EMET feels right to us, because it would not seek to interfere in or change any of the aspects which make us such a successful school. For instance, it would not change the name, the uniform, the curriculum, the teaching, the staff or the leadership of the school. It would, however, give us the security to maintain and build upon our successes. There would be no detriment whatsoever to you or your child; any changes would be for the better. You can find more detail about this here: www.limehurst.org.uk/emet We invite you to take a look.

We are very keen to receive your views and/or questions. Please feel free to email us at emet@limehurst.org.uk before 3.00pm on Sunday 8th November 2020.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of Governors