



**CHERRY WILLINGHAM
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

*A Specialist Sports
Maths & Computing College*

Friday 19th May 2017

Dear parents, carers and guardians,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your continuing support for our school. As you are well aware, there has been a veil of uncertainty over the future of our school for nearly two years but I am very pleased to report that this situation will have some clarity after half term.

I have been liaising with the Department for Education and the Local Authority and have been told that the preferred sponsor for the school will be identified and start to work with the school sometime after half term. I have not been given a specific date but have been assured that this announcement will be imminent.

I will, of course, inform you as soon as I know the full details. Once the 'sponsor' has been identified, we will be working alongside them to ensure a smooth transition and it will give our school the much needed stability it has not had for the last two years.

Our school has seen many positive changes over the last two years, including good teaching and learning, improved outcomes and also a much more positive learning environment. It's a credit to our staff and particularly the pupils that they have recognised and embraced these changes. I am looking forward to supporting further improvements, when the sponsor has been identified.

Can I also take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Pindar who is leaving us to start in his new post in September. He has worked tirelessly for our school for over twenty years and I know parents, carers and pupils have benefitted from his support and commitment; we will miss him but recognise he has an exciting opportunity ahead and wish him well.

I know that when any member of staff leaves our school, it can be a real concern for parents and pupils alike, but I can reassure you in this case that the educational and SEND provision will still be as strong in September as it is now.

We can certainly expect a busy next term, but I'm very excited that we are so close to securing a very positive future for our school. I will certainly keep you up to date with any information I receive over the next few weeks.

Kind regards

Elaine Stiles

Headteacher

