



## **Bolham Primary School**

### Consultation Letter

26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

#### **Consultation on a proposal to join Ventrus Multi Academy Trust and convert to academy status**

##### Background

The governing body is considering its options in order to continue to provide an excellent education for their pupils while protecting its role as a school at the heart of its community and retaining its unique qualities and strengths.

The governing body has been considering the future plans of its school in a fast changing and increasingly challenging educational landscape and has taken the decision to explore the option of joining Ventrus Multi Academy Trust (Ventrus).

We believe pupils and staff would benefit from the greater opportunities that formal partnership, through Ventrus, would bring, which include:

- extending learning opportunities and activities for pupils
- enriching the curriculum through partnership working and shared resources
- enabling the sharing of excellent practice in teaching and learning
- enhancing the professional development of teaching and support staff
- securing cost and resource efficiencies through joint commissioning of services

##### Consultation

We are now consulting with staff, parents, carers, pupils and the community. The consultation period will run between the 26<sup>th</sup> of January and the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. There will be a virtual meeting held via Teams on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please email [admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk) for details on how to attend this meeting by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

The governing body will then consider a report on the academy consultation before making a final decision on whether to proceed with the proposal. If the governing body agree to proceed, the plan is for the school to convert on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

If you have any feedback on the proposal that you would like to share with the governing body then please do so by emailing [chair@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:chair@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk) on or before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair of Governors      Headteacher