



# Twynham Learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to the parents and carers of all pupils attending Twynham Learning schools to share with you a short positive update regarding the future nature of the trust and our partnership of schools.

We are very pleased to be able to announce to our trust community, that the Governing Body of Poole High School have voted to start the process of academy conversion with a view to joining Twynham Learning Multi-Academy Trust from Easter 2024 providing that the necessary due diligence required of both parties proceeds as planned. The trustees of Twynham Learning have strongly endorsed this proposal and this news is being released in parallel to Poole High School's community today.

Poole High School is an exceptionally well-regarded community comprehensive school serving predominately the central and old town areas of Poole. With a thriving sixth form, excellent examination performance and a strong extra-curricular programme, Twynham Learning is excited to be partnering with Poole High School in a venture that we strongly believe will strengthen both our Christchurch, Bournemouth and Poole communities and enable us to invest significantly more into a sustainable future for our family of schools.

Twynham Learning, Twynham School, The Grange School and Poole High School already collaborate deeply on a wide range of professional issues including Initial Teacher Training, provision for Early Career Teachers, Continuing Professional Development and Peer to Peer School Improvement Projects. These new trust-wide arrangements will allow us to deepen and consolidate existing working relationships whilst we work to ensure that all Twynham Learning schools become the first-choice school in their respective communities for all families and children, we recognise where development is needed and this will provide further capacity to improve not just what we do but how we do it within Twynham Learning schools so ultimately our children have the best start in life.

We are delighted with the progress made in how we reposition the trust to further build on the successes achieved within the school, our focus as ever will remain around partner schools remaining focused on their unique communities in line with our educational charity status that is firmly rooted in our local identity and overarching mission to provide opportunity for all irrespective of background.

I will of course keep you updated via our website and Twitter feed as this exciting project progresses along with several other positive developments with other schools who similarly recognise the benefits of working partnership as a shared trust.

Yours sincerely

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