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6 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to inform you of an important decision regarding the future of Seven Hills School.

After a comprehensive review we, the School's Governing Body, have decided to pursue conversion to Academy status and to join an existing Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Having carefully considered the options and opportunities available we have chosen to seek to join the Nexus MAT.

We want to explain the reasons behind this choice and what it will mean for your child and our community.

In recent years, there has been a significant city-wide increase in the number of students who require specialist school placements and support.

As our numbers grow and the needs of our students become more complex, it is essential for us to have the resources, guidance, and a clear path to provide them with the high-quality education they deserve.

Unfortunately, our Local Authority has been unable to offer a clear, strategic direction to address this rise in demand for special education. Additionally, they do not provide support for meeting the complex needs of our students. Without a strong and structured plan from the Local Authority, it has become increasingly challenging to ensure that our students receive the focused support and resources they need to thrive. We find ourselves increasingly unable to plan for the future of Seven Hills School.

After researching various options, we believe that joining Nexus Multi-Academy Trust is the best choice for our school.

Nexus is a MAT based in the region bringing together a number of local special schools like ours that serve students with complex learning needs.

Joining Nexus will give Seven Hills access to a wealth of resources, expertise and a strong, local collaborative network focused entirely on meeting the needs of students who require this support.

We are committed to keeping you informed and involved throughout this process.

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We have two information sessions planned on **Monday 18 November at 10am** and **Tuesday 19 November at 5pm both on the main site**. The information session will allow you to learn more about the benefits of joining Nexus MAT and answer any questions you may have. We understand that change can be uncertain, but our goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible and ensure it brings positive outcomes for your child and our school community.

We will also have a designated email address for you to ask any questions or raise any concerns:

consultation@sevenhills.sheffield.sch.uk

We value your support and partnership, and we are confident that this step will allow us to better meet the needs of all our students, now and in the future.

Thank you for your trust and for being a part of our school community. Together, we can look forward to an exciting and promising future for our school and, most importantly, for our students.

Yours sincerely

Kerry Tute
Headteacher

Rhona Dodds & Hannah Dulieu
Co-chairs of Governors