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Dear parent/carers

As you will already be aware the Governing Body has initiated a consultation process on whether SMRT should join a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) or remain as a Local Authority Voluntary Aided School as highlighted on the school website [St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School - Academy Consultation](#). You can find details of the consultation process, frequently asked questions, links to the Lighthouse School Partnership web pages, and the timing and booking arrangements for consultation meetings.

Thank you to those who have already provided feedback, comments, and questions. If you would like to write to us please use the consultation email address - academyconsultationcommunity@smrt.bristol.sch.uk.

The first parent/carers consultation meeting was held on Monday 12 February and you can find the slides that were shown at the meeting here [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

The next consultation meeting will be held at 6 - 7 pm on Tuesday 3 February. This will be an online meeting and you can sign up using this link [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#). We hope that you'll be able to join us.

There will be a presentation from Gary Lewis (Chief Executive Officer) from Lighthouse Schools Partnership, and he will be joined by Louise Malik (Chief Financial and Operating Officer) and Natalie Wilcox (Director of Secondary Education). The SMRT Headteacher and Governors will also be in attendance and we look forward to hearing your feedback and questions.

Your voice is important, and we encourage you to engage in the consultation process to learn more about academy status and Lighthouse Schools Partnership. We look forward to hearing your views and engaging with all stakeholders in the upcoming consultation process. Our aim is to ensure SMRT continues to thrive, offering the best possible education and support for our community.

Kind regards

Stephen

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Chair of Governors, [SMRT](#)