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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware the IEB has held a consultation period in which we invited you and the school staff to meet with us to discuss our proposal that Thongsley Fields Primary and Nursery School should become an academy and join the CAM Academy Trust. That consultation period ended yesterday and the IEB met to consider all the responses we had received before making a final decision about proceeding with the proposal.

I am writing to let you know that after a full discussion about all the options the IEB unanimously decided that it would be in the best long term interests of Thongsley Fields School to join CAM Academy Trust. We believe that by becoming an academy and joining this trust we will secure the best opportunities for our pupils and staff.

The IEB will now make an application to the Department of Education for the school to convert to an academy. The application will be considered by the Regional Schools Commissioner and the Headteacher Board before it is agreed. This process can take several months. The current projection is that conversion will occur on 1st September 2018 but this may change.

As was explained in the consultation document, even after the conversion to an academy, there will not be any changes that affect you or your children such as school uniform, timing of the school day etc. The only change we hope to see is more rapid school improvement. We will keep you fully informed about the progress of our application and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask us.

Thank you for your continuing support for the school. We look forward to working with you and all members of the school community in the coming months as Thongsley Fields moves into this exciting new phase in its history.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Conway
Chair of the IEB

