

11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and break and welcome back to the new term.

You are probably aware through the press and media that many schools are converting to Academy status in partnership with other schools and forming multi academy trusts. The concept of this is that good schools can help underperforming schools achieve better academic standards. Some schools, due to their Ofsted rating and/or poor academic results, are forced to become an academy and join with other schools and the good schools often find that their teachers have to support staff in other schools.

At Lincewood, you will be pleased to hear, we are currently in charge of our own destiny as we have a good Ofsted rating and good academic results across the school but the Governors have been considering the pros and cons of us converting to an academy and at a vote at our most recent meeting I can inform you that the decision was **not** to convert at this moment in time and remain as a Community Local Authority school.

The academy topic will continue to be debated and discussed at our meeting as we need to keep abreast of any changes in the political agenda and indeed our own circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher