

### MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

#### Consultation on Proposal for Fairfield High School for Girls to join Stamford Park Trust from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

The Trust Board of Fairfield High School for Girls has taken a decision to apply to join **Stamford Park Trust (SPT)**. We believe this will benefit our pupils and staff considerably and we feel that this is the right Trust for our school.

The Government's vision is for all schools to join Multi Academy Trusts by 2030. This outlines our plan for the future of Fairfield High School for Girls.

We would like to invite pupils, parents/carers, staff and wider stakeholders to participate in a consultation about this proposal.

#### Our Proposal

Fairfield High School for Girls is planning to join **Stamford Park Trust from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**.

#### What are the benefits of this proposal?

- Working together in partnership with Stamford Park Trust will offer many benefits for Fairfield High School for Girls and the wider community.
- Stamford Park Trust is first and foremost **'Tameside'** based and it currently has four establishments within its Trust:
  - **Ashton Sixth Form College**
  - **Longdendale High School**
  - **Rayner Stephens High School**
  - **Astley Sports Village**
- By becoming part of Stamford Park Trust it will afford our school the opportunity of gaining access to a vast collaboration network between schools. Becoming part of a tight-knit network means that support is never far away, whether that be from other like-minded schools or the Trust's central services.
- Due to a fast-changing educational landscape; it will provide our school with stability and protection and this will have a long-lasting impact for us.
- As a member of a Multi-Academy Trust, we will have access to a dedicated School Improvement team who have a wealth of experience working directly with and supporting the school.
- Whilst Stamford Park Trust will offer operational guidance and advice, we will still maintain our integrity and independence and continue to provide an excellent education for our pupils, whilst protecting the school's ethos and identity and retaining our individual qualities and strengths.

- Access to financial support is a key benefit of joining a Multi-Academy Trust. This not only covers strategic planning, but also compliance, VAT returns and helpdesk services. Fairfield High School for Girls will also gain access to a wide range of other support types, including legal, human resources, facilities and health and safety services.
- By joining Stamford Park Trust it will bring many training and development opportunities for our staff. This is a valuable benefit that works in the best interests of our school and its pupils, as new and innovative opportunities are regularly offered to Multi Academy Trust members.

### How can you have your say?

If you would like to comment on our proposal, you can have your say by:

- emailing your comments to **Mrs. Julie Murphy (Company Secretary/Governance Professional)** at [jmurphy@fairfieldhighschool.co.uk](mailto:jmurphy@fairfieldhighschool.co.uk)
- writing to **Mrs. Bev Worthington (Chair of the Trust Board)**, c/o Fairfield High School for Girls, Fairfield Avenue, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 6AB to share your comments
- completing the form which can be found on the school's website under the heading **MULTI ACADEMY TRUST** and either emailing this to **Mrs. Julie Murphy (Company Secretary/Governance Professional)** at [jmurphy@fairfieldhighschool.co.uk](mailto:jmurphy@fairfieldhighschool.co.uk) or posting it to her at Fairfield High School for Girls, Fairfield Avenue, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 6AB

**The consultation will run from 8.00 a.m. on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 until 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

### What happens next?

Fairfield High School for Girls will consider and discuss all the responses received during this consultation