

Friday, 10th March 2017

Dear parents,

I am writing with an update on the school's planned academy conversion.

The Penlee Academy Trust (PAT), the trust which Mousehole had intended to join, has announced its dissolution. The three schools which established the Penlee Academy Trust propose joining the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust and have issued the statement below.

"You may be aware that Academy Trusts are required to review their first year of operation and their governance arrangements. Penlee Academy Trust commissioned an independent Governance Review in October 2016 and the results of the review were discussed by the full Board at its meeting in December 2016. Although there have been some successes for the three schools, both individually and collectively during the Trust's first year, in order to continue to build on these, the Board recognised that changes were needed to ensure that all our children receive the best educational experience possible. The Board also understands that, in the long term, it is unlikely to be sustainable without expansion and that changes to its Governance structure would also be required. At the meeting in December, the Board agreed that, to secure the future of the three schools, it needed to look beyond our small Trust towards a larger, more established model. Following an investigation of various options, the unanimous preference of the Board is to join Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT).

You will learn more about the Trust in the coming weeks but the Board considers TPAT to be a well-established, successful Trust which would provide enriched educational opportunities for the children in its schools. Educational links between the Schools within the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust and Penlee Academy Trust already exist, giving a foundation for further partnership working."

Although Mousehole has completed much of the work involved in converting, we have not yet converted and are not a member of Penlee Academy Trust. Therefore the governors now need to investigate the options available to our school. Any decisions about the future status of the school will of course be considered very carefully and we will keep you informed. If the governors decide to proceed with joining a different trust (for example Truro and Penwith Academy Trust), a formal consultation process will take place with staff, unions and of course parents and carers.

Yours faithfully,

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