

Dear Parent/ Carer

I wrote to you on 4 January on behalf of the Board of Trustees of TEFT to let you know that Tove Learning Trust (Tove) had been provisionally identified as the preferred new trust for Rushden Community College, and that there was now an opportunity for staff, parents, governors and other local stakeholders to share views on these proposals. Many of you will have engaged with representatives from Tove during this period, and I understand that this dialogue was both positive and constructive.

Following confirmation from the Regional Schools Commissioner, Martin Post, and Lord Agnew, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System, I can confirm that all views and information shared have now been considered and the decision has now been taken that Rushden Community College will join Tove.

I believe that Rushden Community College can wholly look forward to a positive partnership with Tove. Parents and communities deserve only the very best education for their children and our staff deserve to be provided with the conditions to deliver high-quality teaching. As you may be aware, Tove Learning Trust also run Sponne School in Towcester and Elizabeth Woodville School in Milton Keynes. They are also a teaching school and the head of Swan Teaching Alliance. I am confident that the support Tove will provide Rushden Community College will achieve this, building on the strengths of the academy, and the skills, expertise and commitment of school staff.

If you have queries about this process or email please get in touch. I understand that Tove Learning Trust would also be happy to talk to you regarding their plans for Rushden Community College.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued commitment during this transition period.

Yours sincerely

