



# GORSE HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers/Stakeholders,

We are writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, the governing body of Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School are seeking to convert to an academy. We have been granted an academy order by the Department for Education, giving permission to start this process.

In seeking to convert to an academy, our priority is to ensure we continue to provide a high-quality education for our pupils. We believe joining an academy trust will provide the freedom to make effective financial decisions, securing our future and driving improvement. Our aim for a full conversion would be September 2026.

We are seeking to join Ambition Community Trust (ACT). This will provide both a unique opportunity for our school, as it is a new Multi Academy Trust, but it is also in line with the ethos that currently underpins our school. Ambition Community Trust will have relational inclusion at its heart where children and young people, not only thrive academically, but also socially and emotionally. Whilst all schools will share common values, ACT is committed to each school being able to retain their own individual identity, knowing that the school is best placed to understand the needs of their local community. The collaboration with other schools will however enhance the opportunities that our staff, children and young people have further.

Ambition Community Trust is geographically cohesive and sustainable. The geographical base is Tameside, but it will also be spread across a further two authorities: Trafford and Manchester. The MAT will start as eight schools (5 Primary, 2 Special and 1 PRU) and bring together expertise from Primary, Secondary, PRU and Special.

Before proceeding with the conversion, there will be a formal consultation in which we invite you to share your views and ask any questions you may have. There are a number of ways you can take part in this consultation:

The dates for the consultation are from **8<sup>th</sup> of June to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2026**.

If you have any questions regarding the conversion please send these to [admin@gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk)

We'd like to invite you to read through our answers to FAQs about this consultation, which you can find on our website in the next few days. We will be looking to regularly update this area of the school website with any further questions that have been asked, and their answers.

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This is an exciting opportunity to sustain our future and to continue to bring about positive change in the way we run our school, develop our character and values, and continue to drive the best outcomes for our pupils. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us as detailed above with any comments and questions you may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely



Miss A Flood  
Headteacher



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