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Dear Parents,

Academy Status

Many of you will have heard in the news that the government has announced some major changes to its policy on schools and education. The most significant is the requirement for all state schools to convert to academy status over the next few years. This would change the way we receive our funding and would mean that we would no longer be regulated and supported by Cambridgeshire County Council. In practice though, we would not expect it to have a huge impact on the day to day life of the school.

The school's Governing Body had already begun considering the possible benefits of converting to academy status before the government announced its new policy. The government's timetable means we have until at least 2020 to make a decision, so we have plenty of time to look carefully at our options and make the right choice for Castle Camps. We will keep you all informed as we move towards a decision and will make sure that there are opportunities for everyone to ask questions and give their views.

In the meantime, we can assure you that we will not allow planning for conversion to academy status to distract us from our main priority, which is to continue giving all our children the best possible education at our school.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Fiona Larcombe

Chair of Governors