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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back from your Autumn Half Term break. As those of you who are familiar with the school will know, Dane Bank governors decided last year, after a period of consultation, that the school should convert from Local Authority maintained status to an academy as part of the Changing Lives in Collaboration Trust [CLIC]. The conversion took place on 1st November.

Who are CLIC?

The CLIC is already made up of 3 primary schools, Chorlton Park and Old Moat in South Manchester and Rolls Crescent in Central Manchester.

The CLIC Board of Directors oversee strategy, finance and academic performance but each school still has a Local Governing Body, with representatives from the parent body, staff and the local community. These Local Governing Bodies work with the Head Teachers and pay close attention to the way in which the schools deliver the broad curriculum (not just Maths and English) and support the wellbeing of children and staff.

CLIC Forum

In order to ensure that the CLIC Trust stays rooted in the communities of its schools, we have set up our Multi-Academy Trust as a Co-operative. As a parent, carer, member of staff or interested member of the local community, you can become a member of the Co-operative Forum and have a voice at the Trust Board. The Forums work differently in each school and the Dane Bank Community have the opportunity to shape their own Forum in 2019/20.

Future Plans

One of the aims of the MAT is to work in collaboration with other schools and partners who have an interest in helping our children to achieve academic success and good all-round development. For the past two years, Dane Bank have worked closely with the CLIC Trust Schools. All four schools have benefitted from sharing expertise in Maths, English and Computing with teachers from each school. We are therefore delighted that Dane Bank have formally joined the CLIC Trust. We're hoping that there'll be opportunities for the children of each of the four schools to meet, work together and maybe compete in sporting activities etc with and against each other.

You will have come back from the half term break and see no outward changes to the school or the way it operates. We stressed this was the case in the Consultation Meetings we had with parents and carers last year as it is important to us the school continues to work with its community in an individual way that suits the children, parents and the school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Clair Travis, the Trust's Executive Assistant, who will be happy to help: ctravis@clicmanchester.com

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Watson'.

David Watson
Executive Principal

Changing Lives in Collaboration Cooperative Trust

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