



10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parent /Carer,

Our children are the focal point of everything we do. Schools have no other agenda and you may be aware that one of our underlying values is that we commit to do our best for every child who chooses to come to Risdene Academy. Those values are held by us both rigorously and passionately which we hope will help to explain why we are making this statement today.

***'In the best interests of pupils, staff, parents and local communities, The Education Fellowship Trust (TEFT) has requested and is organising with the Department for Education (DfE) to transfer all 12 academies to new sponsors. TEFT has been in discussion with the DfE for some months and this decision was made following a review of financial constraints, the educational performance of some of the academies and the alignment of values. TEFT are working closely with the DfE to ensure a smooth and timely transfer.'***

In reality that means no change for your child but a continuation of our drive to achieve the very best of care and that your child achieves the very best outcomes to achieve their potential.

My staff and I will transfer to a new sponsor so the relationships, trust and belief we have between us will carry on.

I think that means that future will leave us better equipped and stronger and is the reason why the Trust has reached this decision.

Thank you for your support for the School and all that we are doing. We will of course keep you informed.

Yours sincerely,

Johnson Kane, CEO

Kerry Mills, Principal



