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Background to the consultation

The governing body of The Voyager School is consulting with current and prospective parents, carers, students, staff, other schools, the local authority and other stakeholders regarding its proposal to consider a change in the status of The Voyager School to become a foundation school.

We are announcing this consultation because:

- we are keen to explore whether a change in status could help to ensure that The Voyager's assets are secured as part of a long term strategy for developing the school;
- and
- we wish to explore the full range of options for funding continued development of the school buildings and for improving standards throughout the school.

We want to provide an opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders to be consulted as part of our own decision-making process, to enable those stakeholders to consider the different aspects of foundation status and to have an opportunity to understand how a change to foundation status might affect The Voyager School.

The consultation process

The responsibility and accountability for making a decision to change to foundation status rests solely with a governing body. At this stage, no decision has been taken. The purpose of this document is to initiate a consultation process whereby we, as governors, can listen to and consider the views of as many stakeholders as possible before making a decision on whether or not The Voyager should change status. We are keen to ensure that as many people as possible have an opportunity to express their views. We therefore welcome any written comments you may wish to make by email or post, using the contact details below. No decision for a change will be made without considering all the views presented during this initial informal consultation period and any subsequent formal consultation, should we decide as a governing body to proceed to that stage.

Please ensure that any written comments reach us by Monday 11th February 2008. Any comments sent elsewhere, or received after this date, may not be considered.

All comments should be addressed to

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