



Kingsmead School

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Dear Parents /Carers,

Kingsmead has been invited by the Secretary of State for Education, Mr. Michael Gove MP, to be one of the first "fast track" outstanding schools to apply for the new academy status.

We are very pleased to be given this opportunity as we believe this will enable Kingsmead to continue its progress in further developing the quality of learning and service the school provides to its community. This letter is to inform you that at a full Governing Body Meeting held on 29th June 2010 the Governing Body agreed to apply for this new status.

Kingsmead School is proud of being an Enfield school and of its collaboration with local schools and with Enfield Council. Indeed, it is our intention to maintain and build our partnerships within the local community. However, if we achieve this new "outstanding academy" status, we will become independent of the Local Education Authority and have control over our entire budget rather than just 90% as at present. We believe that this will enable us to maintain and improve the services that are crucial to Kingsmead's success, and give us the freedom to make decisions that will be in the best interest of Kingsmead School. As we move into a period of severe budget restrictions nationally we are very conscious of the need to make every effort to be as efficient as possible.

The outstanding schools that become new academies are expected to continue to be leaders in education, an expectation that we at Kingsmead are very happy to continue to meet. We believe that it is in the best interest of Kingsmead School to take advantage of this opportunity and accept this invitation.

If our application is successful we feel confident that we will be able to meet new challenges and to ensure that Kingsmead's success continues.

There will be no noticeable changes to students, staff or indeed to you as parents. Kingsmead will carry on providing the best education possible under the Kingsmead name. We appreciate that you may have questions or concerns about the new arrangements and we would welcome your input. Please let us know if you have any queries or questions and direct these to either of us at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Y Barry
Headteacher

Mr A Nicholas
Chair of Governors

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