

# LARCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Some exciting news to share!

As you know, Larchwood Primary School is part of Discovery Educational Trust (DET), alongside St Martin's School and Chase High School. The DET Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is Mr Duff.

DET has recently been in discussions with Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School and Hogarth Primary School, and both schools have now made the decision to start the process of academisation to join our Trust.

DET was able to demonstrate all of the key attributes that Kelvedon Hatch and Hogarth had prioritised:

- The Trust's vision and values;
- Strong leadership;
- Evidence of rapid school improvement;
- Structure and capacity to support the school.

Additionally, both Kelvedon Hatch and Hogarth recognised the benefit of being part of a Brentwood cluster of schools that shares a long-term vision for the education provision in the local community.

Similar to Larchwood, Kelvedon Hatch and Hogarth are both feeder schools into St Martin's and, as such, many children already choose St Martin's as their secondary choice. Kelvedon Hatch and Hogarth joining DET will enable us to further strengthen this, already established, relationship.

We also believe that, having two more primary schools in the Trust, both of which are local to Larchwood, will bring even more experiences and opportunities for our children and stakeholders.

This news signals only the start of the formal process of due diligence, consultation and application to the DfE, but I felt it important to share this news with you at this stage.

I will keep you updated as we progress.

Mr S Bowsher  
Headteacher

