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FAO Parents and Carers**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to be able to tell you that, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, we will formally join the Turner Schools Multi-Academy Trust (please see accompanying letter).

Since May, when Dr Jo Saxton became our Chief Executive Officer, we have been working closely together and have built positive professional relationships and this is the next step in our journey together. We are delighted to tell you that very little will change in that our school name will not change, nor our uniform, and all of our staff team will continue in exactly the same roles within our school. Most essentially, it will be business as usual and our children will not notice any differences in their school as we continue to serve our community.

Should anyone have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me via my PA, Sharon Atkins at [Secondary.Admin@FolkestoneAcademy.com](mailto:Secondary.Admin@FolkestoneAcademy.com)

Very best wishes

Mr A Milliken  
Head of School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know The Folkestone Academy joined forces with Turner Schools in May of this year. The Regional Schools Commissioner is pleased with our joint work, and therefore the Department for Education will formalise this relationship by enabling the Academy to join the Turner Schools Multi-Academy Trust.

This a change to governance, not to how the school works, so as parents we can re-assure you that the Academy name will not change, staff will remain the same and uniform will not be changed.

It is planned that the Academy will formally join Turner Schools on December 1 of this year. If you have questions about this please address them to Mr Milliken or our CEO Dr Jo Saxton via [ceooffice@folkestoneacademy.com](mailto:ceooffice@folkestoneacademy.com)

Attached to this letter is a 'key information' sheet which we hope will answer many of your initial questions about formalising our relationship with Turner Schools.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair  
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Mark Taylor  
Trustee  
The Folkestone Academy



Dr Jo Saxton  
CEO  
The Folkestone Academy &  
Turner Schools

## **Key information**

This information sheet has been produced to answer some questions you may have about The Folkestone Academy formally joining Turner Schools

### **Turner Schools is a multi academy trust. What is that?**

A multi academy trust is where two or more schools have converted to academy status and are overseen by a single organisation. A single academy board is formed to provide the strategic leadership of each school in the Trust. In addition, Turner Schools is a Department for Education approved 'Sponsor' meaning it has been screened and approved to support schools in challenging circumstances.

### **What will this mean for me/my child?**

Your experience as a parent/carer will not be impacted by the change in governance. There will be no changes to uniform or the school name. Behind the scenes, however, the Academy will be able to benefit from joint agreements to save costs, buying together with the Trust's other schools, for example. There will also be new opportunities for staff to train together.

For Further information about Turner Schools visit its website:

[www.turnerschools.com](http://www.turnerschools.com)