



June 2018

Dear Parent or Carer,

I am writing with two important pieces of information regarding next academic year.

1. Wednesday early finish – 2.50pm from September 2018

To enable high quality staff development and support our continued drive to improve outcomes for all students, we would like to shorten the school day on Wednesdays from 3.10pm to 2.50pm. This would allow staff to take part in development and planning from 3.00pm until 4.30pm rather than the current one-hour after school session.

In terms of the students, they will still receive 25 hours of lessons each week but would not have tutor time on Wednesdays. They will have a one-hour lesson with their tutor on Wednesday morning as part of the Skills for Life programme. This means they will still have contact with their tutor each day.

2. Consultation on becoming an Academy

As you will be aware, we have been considering academy status for some time. We have been invited to join the Creative Education Trust (CET) and will be starting the formal consultation process in September. The consultation leaflet will be sent out in early September. You will have a chance to meet the CET staff and ask any questions you might have. The date for the meeting with parents and carers is Wednesday 19th September, 5.30 – 6.30pm. All parents and carers are welcome. There will be a drop in session on Wednesday 26th September from 3.30 – 5.30pm. You will have an opportunity to give your views on line via a link on our website.

Thank you for your continued support in making Ellis Guilford the best it can be, it is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Sally Coulton
Headteacher