



## Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

### **Re: Article regarding Tudor Grange Academy, Redditch in Redditch Standard, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Firstly, Tudor Grange Academy Redditch is not in crisis. The low numbers for admissions were anticipated and planned for in the scenarios considered whilst we prepared our business case for the age range change. Strong financial plans have been in place and adhered to since April 2014 to manage the impact of the low admissions and we will continue on this course.

There is a claim that financial constraints have impacted on the curriculum provision in the school. Parents of children currently in the school are better informed than this and know and understand that the curriculum provision of the school is still broad and varied and this will remain the case as this has been a non-negotiable part of the financial planning.

We will be able to continue to invest in the improvements we have made to the site as the Trust receives a capital allocation, separate to the revenue provided for us to run and manage the school, to improve the quality of its estate. The Trust are committed to providing outstanding facilities in Redditch and those who have visited the site have seen this in the newly refurbished blocks and audio visual and IT equipment throughout the school. New Science provision is our next priority and the Trust are supporting us with high levels of investment in, this will not change.

The plans that are in place do not, as has been inaccurately reported, involve the use of 'substantial subsidies from its Solihull based parent academy'. The schools in the Trust each have their own Local Governing Body and are funded on an annual basis according to the funding received via the General Annual Grant. Funding for each school within the Trust is therefore determined by the local funding formula for the Local Authority it sits in and we do not alter this, each school receives the same amount of money it would receive if it were an individual academy.

Without the expertise, cost savings and support we benefit from because we are part of a Multi Academy Trust we would not be able to achieve what we are determined to achieve over the next few years at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch.

We recognise that change takes time and can be difficult. Tudor Grange Redditch is a good school with sound GCSE outcomes, a growing number of parents are recognising this, we know that improving results and our provision again this year will secure their confidence.

In the meantime we remain committed to securing quality education for the parents who have already shown their confidence in us.

Please contact the school should you have further questions or wish to visit us.

I will request that the Redditch Standard publish this letter so that the local community are better informed about our situation.

