



# Chapmanslade

Church of England Voluntary Aided  
**Primary School**

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## Academisation of Chapmanslade Primary School

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware from newsletters earlier this academic year, the Governing Body of Chapmanslade Primary School have been exploring academisation of the school. The decision was made to academise and join an existing Multi Academy Trust (MAT) in December 2023. Since then, governors and I have been meeting with advisors and carrying out due diligence toward several viable MATs for a Church of England school in our location.

We hope that the decision to academise will enable our school to keep thriving, keep our individuality and ultimately, help Chapmanslade School survive in today and tomorrow's world.

I am pleased to announce that governors have recently made the decision to join *Acorn Education Trust*. Several local primary and secondary schools are already part of *Acorn* and we feel that the trust's vision and values are a good fit for Chapmanslade. We are in the unique position of already having experienced some of the high-quality school-improvement offer from *Acorn*. Two years ago, whilst I was Acting Headteacher, *Acorn* provided support to both myself and the school, offering guidance, challenge and support whilst the school was in a more vulnerable position.

Governors and I felt it was important to keep you informed of our plans. We are in the early stages of our application and I will keep you updated of progress. We understand that you may have questions with regard to this decision. We intend to hold a parent information session after the Easter Holidays, where there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

This is an exciting time for our school and we look forward to opportunities that joining *Acorn Educational Trust* will bring.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

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