



3rd November 2025

Dear Pupils, Parents/Carers, Staff and Members of the Westacre Community,

As you may be aware, the education sector has seen significant developments in recent years, with many schools choosing to join Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) to work collaboratively and secure the best possible outcomes for pupils. After much careful consideration and thorough deliberation, we would like to inform you of an important decision that the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team have made regarding the future direction of Westacre Middle School.

We have decided that, to continue to provide the very best educational opportunities for our pupils, we would like to explore joining the **Worcestershire Hills Trust**, www.worcestershirehillstrust.co.uk. This decision has been made with the best interests of our pupils at its heart and with the intention of enabling us to grow and develop even further within a supportive and collaborative environment.

The Worcestershire Hills Trust already comprises of four schools: Blackwell First School, Bredon Hill Middle School, Charford First School, and Prince Henry's High School. These schools have developed strong working relationships and share a mutual commitment to delivering excellent educational experiences. By joining the Trust, we would be positioning ourselves within a stable and forward-thinking network of schools that will provide us with both educational and operational support, while maintaining our own unique identity.

Westacre Middle would continue to retain its own Headteacher and Local Governing Body, ensuring that we maintain our close links with the local community that we serve and continue to operate with the values and priorities that make our school so special.

Our consideration to join the Worcestershire Hills Trust comes after carefully evaluating several options, and we believe that this will be the best path forward to secure the long-term success and growth of our school. The Trust offers a robust framework that will allow us to continue to focus on what matters most—providing the highest standard of education for all our pupils—while benefiting from the shared expertise, resources, and support available to schools within the Trust.

By joining the Worcestershire Hills Trust, we believe Westacre, and its community will benefit in the following ways:

- The values of the Trust align with Westacre's own values which will allow us to preserve the ethos of our school while striving for the best possible outcomes for all pupils.
- We will collaborate with like-minded schools, which will support our efforts to recruit, train, and retain our teachers and support staff.

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- Our teachers will have greater opportunities to share best practice across different school phases, fostering professional development that will directly benefit our pupils.
- Our wellbeing services for pupils will be enhanced, ensuring we continue to prioritise the mental and emotional health of every child.
- We will secure our financial stability and access to government funding necessary to improve our facilities, further enriching our educational environment.

Most importantly, I would like to reassure you that if we were to join the Worcestershire Hills Trust, our school will retain its own character and identity. Our uniform, policies, admissions procedures, and day-to-day management will remain unchanged. Our focus will continue to be on providing the best possible education for our pupils, whilst also benefiting from the added support of a wider community of schools.

We have attached an appendix including Frequently Asked Questions. Whilst it is a detailed document, our intention is that it will help to answer any questions you may have. However, as part of this process, we are now seeking your thoughts and feedback.

The consultation period will run from Monday 3rd November to Monday 1st December 2025. During this time, we want to hear the thoughts and opinions of our community, and the email address below is available for you to provide us with your feedback. A copy of this letter and the FAQ document can also be found on our website via the Parents Tab. Your involvement in helping us determine the next steps for our school community is incredibly important to us. We look forward to hearing your views during the consultation process, which will play a key role in shaping our final decision on whether to join the Worcestershire Hills Trust. Ultimately, we want to ensure that if we join the Worcestershire Hills Trust, it will be the best decision for the continued success of our school and the future of our pupils.

To respond to this consultation, please send your comments or questions to the following email address:
consultation@westacre.worcs.sch.uk

Thank you, as always for your ongoing support. We are excited about the future and the opportunities that this new chapter may bring for our children and families.

Yours sincerely,

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