



Queensgate Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Queensgate Primary School, our two unwavering priorities are achieving the highest standards in education and providing exceptional care for every child. Each year, we feel—and we hope you do too—that our school continues to grow stronger. This has been recognised by Ofsted as recently as 2024, and our children's achievements consistently place us among the top-performing schools in the country in many areas.

However, we know that what makes Queensgate Primary School truly special is not just academic success. Visitors to our school invariably comment on the outstanding quality of teaching and the care provided by our dedicated staff, alongside the respect, inclusivity and independence demonstrated by our children. This makes us immensely proud of what we have achieved as a school community and as a Queensgate family.

Whilst we are delighted with the progress we have made, we are always striving to improve. It is this desire for continuous growth that has led our leadership team and governing body to make the exciting decision to join the Greater Manchester Education Trust (GMET). After careful consideration of several trusts, we chose GMET because their values align so closely with our own—prioritising exceptional care and education for every child.

Like Queensgate Primary School, GMET is driven by a shared belief that children deserve the best possible opportunities. They are committed to supporting staff with high-quality training and professional development, ensuring that our team can continue to grow and excel in their roles. These principles, which have always been central to Queensgate Primary School, are at the heart of GMET's mission too.

This proposal is very much building upon everything that is great about Queensgate and strengthening our school further. It is absolutely not about Queensgate losing its identity and ethos. The Queensgate family will only be strengthened by the additional support and capacity from this Trust.

By becoming one of the first primary schools to join GMET, we have an exciting opportunity not only to enhance what we already offer at Queensgate Primary School, but also to work collaboratively with other schools that join the trust. Alexandra Park Primary in Stockport has also committed to joining GMET. We already have strong links with this school and have collaborated with them for a number of years. They are another recently Ofsted outstanding school as well as an EEF Research school. Joining GMET will provide us with additional support, resources, and opportunities to enhance our offer for every child at Queensgate Primary School. Please be aware that the criteria for admissions to Queensgate will remain unchanged.

We will hold a Listening period for the next few weeks, ending on **11th September**. During this time, we welcome your opinions and are happy to discuss any questions you may have about this transition. You can:

- Email admin@queensgateprimary.uk
- **Add link to survey**
- Chat to me before or after school
- Join us for an informal coffee and chat on **Wednesday, 23rd July, at 9 am**

Thank you, as always, for your support as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hitchcock and Board of Governors