

UPDATED Academy Proposal Midday 1st December 2015

## **The Brakenhale School Academy Status Application**

The Brakenhale School Governing Body decides to apply to join Greenshaw Learning Trust

**The Governing Body of The Brakenhale School has voted unanimously for the school to apply to become an academy in the Greenshaw Learning Trust.**

Jane Coley, Headteacher at The Brakenhale School said, "We are very excited for the future of The Brakenhale School as part of the Greenshaw family of schools."

"The Governing Body has been considering its options and how to secure the best future for the school. Brakenhale is an improving school and the Greenshaw Learning Trust is the ideal partner to help us to continue our journey of improvement and provide further opportunities for our pupils and staff. Our application will now be considered by the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC)."

Mike Cooper, Chair of the Greenshaw Learning Trust said: "We are delighted that The Brakenhale School wants to join our Trust. The support of the Trust will help Brakenhale improve further and the perspective and expertise of Brakenhale will enrich our family of schools."

Subject to the RSC, early in the new year, as part of the statutory consultation process The Brakenhale School Governing Body will be setting out its proposals and consulting its stakeholders. Further information on the consultation process will be issued and posted on the school's website in due course.

Notes:

As an academy in the Greenshaw Learning Trust, The Brakenhale School will maintain its existing character and ethos, will not change its name or its admission arrangements, and will maintain terms and conditions for their staff. The school will gain from close collaboration with and support from the other schools in the Trust and benefit from economies of scale. In addition the benefit of being linked to a trust with a strong record of academic progress and achievement.

Brakenhale Governing Body will be consulting staff, parents and other stakeholders in the new year. The school and the Trust will be working with the Department for Education and relevant stakeholders to make the necessary arrangements and, if the proposals proceed to plan, the school hopes to become an academy and join the Greenshaw Learning Trust in Spring 2016.

The Greenshaw Learning Trust is an established academy trust and approved sponsor based in Sutton in South West London. The Trust is responsible for running Greenshaw High School in Sutton, Green Wrythe Primary School in Carshalton and Edenham High School in Shirley. The Trust has proven skills, experience and capacity to help schools improve and has been given approval for its proposal to open a new secondary school in Sutton in 2017.

The following website outlines the work of Greenshaw Learning Trust

[www.greenshawlearningtrust.org.uk](http://www.greenshawlearningtrust.org.uk)