

CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Governors of Chew Valley School are delighted to inform you of its resolve for the school to become a Foundation School with effect from the 1st August 2010.

This follows a period of lengthy consultation including the statutory consultation period and process which was completed at the turn of the year.

The Governors and Headteacher are taking this step because we believe that Foundation Status will enable the school to build on the very good standards which have been achieved over many years, to help the school to secure outstanding standards in the future. It is the intention of Governors and leaders in the school to use Foundation Status to help to raise standards and make a direct contribution to raising achievement and improve the well being and aspirations of students. Like other schools which have changed to Foundation Status, we believe that it will encourage the further development at Chew Valley School of a philosophy of independence which will encourage creativity, innovation, greater efficiency and control over the strategic direction of the school.

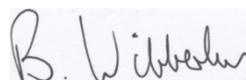
Foundation Status will enable the school to preserve both its character and its estate, and the ethos the school has established over its 50 year history. It will put the school in a stronger position to strengthen collaboration with the local community, widening the range of opportunities for learners at every age. It will enable the school to contribute more effectively to community cohesion by improving standards of attainment and services for young people, their families and members of the wider community.

We look forward to working with you in the years to come to provide outstanding opportunity and achievement for young people in our community.

Yours sincerely



Mark Mallett
Headteacher



Brian Wibberley
Chair of Governors