**Waterside Primary Academy – some background information about the school**

Waterside Primary Academy is sponsored by White Hill Schools Trust, a growing multi academy trust formed in September 2015. Waterside Primary Academy educates children from the age of 3 to the age of 11. It joined the Trust in May 2018, prior to which it was a Local Authority maintained school, known as Waterside County Combined.

Waterside has suffered from a lack of stability in leadership in recent years. This led to it being deemed inadequate and being put into Special Measures by Ofsted in June 2016, following which the school was subject to an academy order made by the Secretary of State for Education. The Regional Schools Commissioner then began the process of identifying a sponsor, a process which took some time and which culminated in Waterside joining White Hill Schools Trust earlier this calendar year.

Securing sustainable leadership is a key immediate priority. White Hill Schools Trust is deeply committed to improving Waterside Primary Academy and to giving its pupils, a good number of whom come from disadvantaged homes, the best possible education and start in life. In summary, this is an exciting time for the school. There is much to do and we are looking forward to working with the new Headteacher who can, with the support of the Trust, lead the school to good as quickly as possible.

**Location**

Waterside Primary Academy is situated in Chesham, a town in the Chilterns. The school provides a very pleasant learning environment with extensive grounds and playing fields and three separate playground areas.

**Facilities**

The school also enjoys excellent facilities, which include light, airy and spacious classrooms, a well-equipped dedicated computer suite and a recently restocked library.

**Staffing**

Staff at Waterside are friendly, supportive and committed to providing a very positive learning experience for pupils at the school. As a single-form entry primary school, there is a teacher and a TA in each year group.

If you would like any additional information about the school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, using the following email address: hr@cheshamgrammar.org