

Dear Joy

I just wanted to share my thoughts on the proposal for Round Hill to join the MAT prior to Governors meeting next week.

Whilst it could be an exciting opportunity for us to be involved, I do not think it's the right time to be making the huge decision to join a MAT. As a country, we are politically uncertain of the future and whatever happens in the short or long term it is bound to have implications for the education sector.

I feel it is too huge a decision to say 'yes' to joining at this point and we should not be hurried into it by others or on the promise of benefits. Other schools have declined the offer which is interestingI wonder why? I recognise, understand and agree that we need to be forward thinking about the future for RH but there is too much riding on a decision that cannot be revoked easily.

More than one person has used the phrase to me "if it's not broken, then don't try to fix it". I appreciate that I only know a fraction of the implications of joining a MAT and there may be many benefits, especially regarding finance, but maybe there are other ways of addressing these issues that are less burdened with risk and irreversible.

