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Dear Parent/Carer

## Consultation for parents re: the multi-academy trust proposal

I wrote to you in March saying that governors were exploring the possibility of converting to academy status together with Knavesmire Primary School and Scarcroft Primary School. Our official consultation period starts on May 8. The reason to delay until then is that we received advice not to consult during what is known as 'election purdah': the time when government shuts down prior to the election. During this time, public consultations which could be used by a candidate for party political purposes may not proceed. However, I am now pleased to inform you of the arrangements for consulting parents on this important matter.

Our consultation process for parents includes the following elements:

- A document containing full details of the Multi-Academy trust proposal (to be published on our website on 8 May, and paper copy sent home with students).
- Three formal meetings with parents (one at each school).
- One formal meeting for any prospective parents within the Southbank Community.
- Opportunities to speak to senior leaders informally in small groups.
- A survey of parental views.

In addition, we will be consulting staff, pupils, prospective parents, local councillors and trade unions. At Millthorpe School, the events for parents will take place as follows:

- 1. Formal information evening** with Q & A on Tuesday 19 May at 7.00pm in the School Hall.
- 2. Informal breakfast drop-in sessions** – I and governors will be available on the following dates – please come to reception and sign in:

Thursday 21 May	8.45am
Tuesday 2 June	8.45am
Wednesday 10 June	8.45am
- 3. Informal tea & coffee sessions** – I and governors will be available on the following dates – please come to reception and sign in:

Thursday 21 May	3:30pm
Tuesday 2 June	3:30pm
Wednesday 10 June	3:30pm
- 4. Survey:** we will also be issuing an electronic survey after the 19 May meeting, so that parents can tell governors what they want them to take into account when making their decision. Paper copies will be provided on request, or views can be emailed direct to governors via [consultation@millthorpeschool.co.uk](mailto:consultation@millthorpeschool.co.uk) from 8 May to the 19 June.

**5. Prospective parents** - a further Formal information evening with Q & A for prospective parents of any of the three schools on Tuesday 9 June at 7.00pm in the school hall at Millthorpe School.

I hope these events provide you with ample opportunity to hear more about the proposal, to ask any questions you may have and to put your point of view to governors.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Burton'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Trevor Burton  
Headteacher