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Dear Parent/Carer

Multi-Academy Trust Proposals

Following a meeting of the full governing body last night (Monday 13 July), I am writing to let you know that we have voted to continue to explore conversion to a Multi-Academy Trust in partnership with Scarcroft and Knavesmire Primary Schools.

On behalf of the governing body, I would like to thank all those parents and carers, staff and students who took the time and trouble to attend the various consultation events and record their views by letter, email and verbally. We have had a fantastic response, which included a huge number of questions, queries and evidence (160 pages); this helped us to focus our discussions and come to a decision that we believe offers the best way to secure the future of our school.

Our vision for the school has always been clear. We are determined Millthorpe School will become an outstanding school and will be maintained as one. Our decisions as governors are firmly grounded in this vision and in the ethos of the school.

What next?

The school's legal adviser, in partnership with Scarcroft and Knavesmire, will start to examine the detailed implications of conversion into a Multi-Academy Trust over the coming months. They will report to the team of headteachers and governors set up to consider the findings in the Autumn Term.

Once the Funding Agreement has been drawn up, and all the other legal papers are in place, the governors of the three schools will vote a final time on whether to accept or reject the proposal to convert formally.

Irrespective of the final decision, we will continue to work closely with our partner schools to ensure all children continue to receive the very best education we can collectively offer.

If you have any concerns or questions, please let me know and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Yours faithfully

Bob Sydes
Chair of Governors