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Dear Parents / Carers,

Consultation Update– Durham Diocesan MAT and proposed conversion to academy status

The consultation process has now concluded and we have considered responses from all stakeholders including parents, staff, unions and members of the community. We held consultation meetings on 5 December 2018 and both governors and representatives from the MAT were in attendance to answer questions and discuss the process with interested parties.

Responses were generally positive to the consultation and we would like to thank you for your engagement in the consultation process. Following the conclusion of this process, and in light of responses received, governors have taken time to further explore and carefully consider the proposal and have now decided unanimously to proceed to the next stage and move towards conversion to academy status joining the Durham Diocesan MAT. This means we will now need to submit an application to do so to the Regional Schools Commissioner and we will update you on timescales once this has been considered. This will not be before Autumn 2019 at the earliest and will involve various legal steps being completed.

Governors will have a chance to consider again whether to proceed to full conversion at the full governing body meeting in the summer term and we will keep you updated on progress.

Thank you again for your engagement in this process.

Yours sincerely

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