



ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are writing to confirm that the Headteacher Board of the Regional Schools Commissioner has approved the formation of the South York Multi Academy Trust (MAT), with the academy applications being approved for all four schools involved in the first phase of its development. The schools involved in the initial phase are Fulford School, Dunnington CE Primary School, Wheldrake with Thorganby Church of England Primary School and Danesgate. In addition to this news, we have heard we have been successful in our bid for regional growth funding to help with the set up costs of the MAT.

We will now begin work on the detailed conversion process with the aim of being able to convert to academy status and to establish the MAT by September 2017. The actual timing of the final conversion will depend upon the complexity of the conversion process and any issues that arise during this.

As was stated in the consultation, we will be working with all the schools we have named as partners in the MAT to establish the MAT governance and to determine its operational structure. We shall also liaise closely with the Local Authority both in setting up the MAT and through its ongoing operation. We are fully committed to our MAT continuing to work closely with CYC and with all the schools and academies in the city.

We will ensure that staff are fully involved in the consultation stages of the conversion process and we will seek to keep all stakeholders updated on key developments throughout the conversion process.

The admission arrangements for our schools remain unchanged and the Headteachers in the MAT will all continue to lead their individual schools.

The schools involved in the second and third phases of the development of the MAT are in the process of completing and submitting their applications. We will write again when we are able to update you on the outcomes of these conversion requests.

The establishment of the South York MAT offers an exciting opportunity to build upon and deepen the partnership working that already exists between our schools. Crucially, it will enable us to shape our own future and to secure the best outcomes and opportunities for all those in our community.

Yours faithfully,

Linda Collier, Headteacher

Jo Wedgwood, Acting Chair of Governors



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