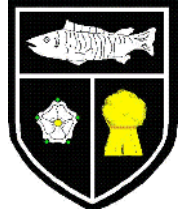


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Tuesday 4th February 2020

Academy Decision

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to inform you that following a meeting of the full Governing Body, on Tuesday 28th January, a unanimous decision was made to not continue our conversion to academy status by joining the South York Multi Academy Trust, at this point in time, and instead to remain with the Local Authority. This decision does not prevent us from re-applying to join the MAT in the future, should circumstances change.

Our decision follows a change in national policy which no longer states that all schools must convert to academy status. Given the additional option of remaining as we are and in consultation with the CEO and the Chair of Trustees at the South York Multi Academy Trust and with senior MAT leaders over the last twelve months, the view amongst the Governing Board is that given my recent arrival and the plans for Elvington Primary, we are better placed outside the MAT at this point. We will, however, continue to work closely with all the schools in our cluster, including Fulford. Some of the other schools that were initially intending to join the MAT, such as Fishergate, Lord Deramore's and St. Oswald's, have also decided not to join the MAT at this point and remain as LA controlled schools.

If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me – head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Buttery