



# ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## **Decision to convert to Academy Status and to establish a South York Multi-Academy Trust**

We write to inform you of the decision of the governing body of Elvington CE Primary School following the consultation on our proposal to establish a South York Multi Academy Trust.

The Full Governing Body unanimously agreed to proceed to the next stage which is to apply to the Department for Education to convert to academy status and to establish a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) as set out in the proposal. This decision has been taken after considerable deliberation over many months and is rooted in our desire to secure the best future for our school and all those in its community.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the consultation process either in person or via written submission. All responses received were considered, discussed and answered as part of the decision-making process and a response to the key points raised will be circulated to staff and parents on our school website.

The other schools named in the consultation document will be making their own individual decisions on academy conversion and MAT membership. Once this process is complete, we will then know who will seek to join us in the MAT and we can begin to work on the detail of the application process and to make the decisions about the operating arrangements of the MAT- including the phasing of its establishment. This will be done in discussion with the schools involved, the local authority (City of York Council), the Regional Schools Commissioner, The Church of England Diocese and other relevant parties.

All decisions will be rooted in the principle of 'earned autonomy' where maximum authority is delegated to good and outstanding schools. This will include arrangements to maintain governing bodies in each school which will retain both elected parent and staff members.

We will write to update you on the progress of the application and conversion process at significant points and when further information is available. We will also provide updates and information on the school website.

This decision represents an exciting opportunity for the further development of our school and it will enable us to build upon and strengthen our existing partnership, allowing us to continue to strive for the best possible outcomes for our staff, pupils and parents.

Thank you again to all who participated in this process and for your continuing support for our school.  
Yours sincerely,

Julie Davis  
Chair of Governors

  
Linda Collier  
Headteacher

