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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you with the following information, provided by the Trustee Board of the South York Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)

The MAT came into being on 1 January 2018 with the conversion of Fulford School to an academy. Dunnington C of E Primary School subsequently converted and joined the MAT in March.

Since January the MAT Board has been putting in place the financial, legal, organisational and educational requirements for the MAT in line with its stated commitment to building an inclusive partnership of schools. A large part of this work has involved preparations for the partner schools to join the MAT, including work on due diligence to ensure all partner schools join the MAT on a strong and sustainable footing.

In response to individual school's circumstances, the original timetable for school conversions has been revised. This is to ensure schools join the MAT at the most appropriate time for them and to take account of the capacity of the MAT and other bodies involved in the process of conversion. Alongside this revision, there is now greater understanding of the complexity of the academy conversion process and it is not unusual for there to be further delays to planned timetables.

Just as a reminder, the partner schools who will join our MAT over the next 18 months are (in alphabetical order): Archbishop of York C of E Junior, Danesgate, Elvington C of E Primary, Escrick C of E Primary, Fishergate Primary, Lord Deramore's Primary, Naburn C of E Primary, St. Oswald's C of E Primary, Wheldrake with Thorganby C of E Aided Primary.

We will continue to work closely with all the partner schools within the proposed South York MAT prior to their academy conversions. The MAT Board has also reaffirmed its commitment to all the partner schools joining the MAT at the earliest suitable opportunity, alongside the belief that getting the detail of becoming an academy right is more important than the timing.

Yours sincerely,

James Rourke
Headteacher

Richard Frost
Chair of Governors