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## Academy Consultation and Conversion

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Can I begin by saying thank you to all those parents and carers who have caught me on the gate or at various events and have spoken to me about our plans for academy conversion. Your thoughts and suggestions were really useful and it was good to hear that parents have confidence in the governing body to make the right decisions about the future of the federation. I'm pleased that the consultation with parents went smoothly and when I wrote to you last in my bulletin we were awaiting the Department for Education's decision on whether we could proceed with our conversions to academy status.

I'm delighted to tell you that at the end of last week the Department for Education agreed that the schools could become academies and that we are now able to begin the process. We are aiming towards an official conversion date of the 1<sup>st</sup> April when the schools will become academies and we will officially join the Infinity Academies Trust alongside Gipsey Bridge Academy and Spilsby Primary Academy.

We are excited that as a group of four good/outstanding schools we can begin to strengthen our partnership work enabling us to provide really effective support and training for all staff, work together to obtain best value on purchases, offer exciting events for pupils and begin to seek additional funding to support our children across the Trust.

I would again like to take this opportunity to reassure parents that from your child's perspective very little will change on conversion. We are making little or no changes to holiday dates, uniforms, staffing and the way our two schools currently work. We hope that the benefits will begin to show over time but there are no immediate changes that children or parents should be worried about. I will be overseeing the work of the Trust going forwards so I hope that offers parents confidence that the standard of care and the high quality that we currently offer will be maintained.

As always we will keep you updated as things proceed but if you have any questions at any time please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Gavin Booth  
Executive Headteacher