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Dear Parents and Carers,

There was a meeting of the Full Governing Body (FGB) last week during which a strategy and timeline for securing the school's leadership was agreed.

Following a detailed investigation into the school's future options the FGB voted that it wishes to pursue the option to convert the school into an academy. We would like to stress that this is not a 'done-deal' but something we have agreed to actively explore. This decision followed lengthy discussions with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) regarding the viability of retaining 'Maintained School' status and appointing a new Head Teacher.

As the Department for Education (DfE) no longer permits individual schools to become academies the next step in the process is to identify a suitable academy partner. We have spoken directly with the DfE and have invited a selection of local Academy Trusts to pitch their vision for the school's future. These trusts will be presenting their proposals to the Governors on 4 November 2016. A governors' meeting is scheduled immediately after the pitches at which we hope to identify the most suitable academy partner.

Following this meeting we will commence the formal consultation process and as part of this the governing body will present its findings to all relevant parties including parents, children and staff. At this point we will explain the advantages and disadvantages of academisation compared with retaining maintained school status and, as we will have identified a possible academy partner, we will be able to give you an indication of how the school would operate on an operational and strategic level as part of that multi academy trust. Once we have provided this information there will be a period of consultation during which you will be able to ask questions about the proposal for the school's future. We will provide you with as much information as possible and run an open forum for questions from all interested parties. We will hold a briefing session in the week commencing 7 November, further details to be forwarded shortly.

We believe this is a great opportunity to determine the permanent solution for the leadership, management and long term direction of our school. The school has fantastic potential and, with the right support and guidance, it will build on its current success and provide outstanding opportunities for all children. We look forward to keeping you informed.

Yours sincerely

The Governing Body

