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Dear Parents and Carers

9 November 2016

The School Future Working Group (SFWG) held a meeting on Monday and reached a decision regarding a preferred Academy Trust partner. The SFWG unanimously voted to consult on conversion to an academy as part of the Community Inclusive Trust (CIT).

We have informed the Department for Education (DfE) of our proposal and the next step is for the DfE to issue an academy order. We anticipate that this order will be issued in early December and at this stage we will be able to begin the official consultation process. Whilst the order may be issued in early December the proposed date for conversion is 1 May 2017.

We would like to point out that the school is not obligated to become an academy until the Commercial Transfer Agreement (CTA) between the school's Governors, the Local Authority and CIT is signed. Further, the CTA will not be signed until parents and carers of pupils, staff at the school, and pupils themselves have had the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

In due course, we will contact parents and carers with details of the consultation process, as part of which you will be invited to a meeting to hear more about the proposals and to make any comments you might have on these. We are also holding meetings with staff, and will be keeping pupils informed throughout the process.

Any comments or representations which are made about the proposals will be considered by the governing body before it takes the final decision to convert to academy status.

The governing body will not vote to proceed with academy conversion unless they are happy that conversion would be in the best interests of the school, taking account of all the legal and practical ramifications.

We will be in contact shortly with dates for the afore mentioned information on the consultation, in the meantime you can find more information about academies on the DfE website:<http://www.education.gov.uk/academies> and we welcome any questions to the governor inbox [caythorpegovernor@gmail.com](mailto:caythorpegovernor@gmail.com).

Yours sincerely

The Governing Body



