



Dear Parent /Carer,

17th March 2017

I am writing to invite you to one of two consultation meetings to discuss the possibility of Ralph Thoresby School joining a multi-academy trust. As many of you will know, a multi-academy trust is a group of schools who work closely together, operating with some shared governance, shared support services and shared accountability.

We have just completed a positive consultation with staff and the Governors are now keen to gather the views of parents and carers before making a decision about how to proceed.

As you know, the school is currently in a very strong position having secured a 'Good' judgement from Ofsted and recorded our best ever exam results in 2016. The Governors and the Leadership Team are looking to capitalise on this success and secure an effective partnership with other good and outstanding schools which will enable us to develop further and, most importantly, continue to provide an excellent all round education for your children.

To discuss these proposals further we have arranged two meetings:

Tuesday 28th March, 6pm – 7pm (also Y8 Options Evening)

Wednesday 29th March, 6pm – 7pm

I will deliver a presentation outlining our proposals for further collaboration and you will have an opportunity to ask questions. Attendance is, of course, entirely optional but it will be good to see you there and open a meaningful dialogue on this important issue.

Please complete the slip below if you wish to attend either meeting and return it to the school office by Friday 24th March.

In addition to these meetings we will also hold a 'drop-in' session with the aim of answering any questions on **Tuesday 18th April, 4pm – 7pm**. The consultation will end at 3pm on Wednesday 19th April and Governors will make a final decision at this point. Governors are contactable at Governors@ralphthoresby.com if you wish to email any questions or comments.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Will Carr
Headteacher

Multi-academy trust consultation meetings 28-29 March, 2017

Parent / carer name: _____

Child name and mentor group: _____

I would like to attend the consultation meeting on **Tues 28th / Wed 29th March** (delete as applicable).

Please reserve ___ seats for me.