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Proposal to Convert to Academy Status Parents/ Carers Consultation – an update

Dear Parents/ Carers and friends of the school,

The consultation period for the proposal to convert to Academy status ends today. The Full Governing Body is meeting tonight to take the vote on the decision as to whether or not we should proceed.

I am writing for these purposes;

- 1) To say a huge thank you to all parents who responded to our questionnaire as part of the consultation. For those of you who might like numbers...;

50 Parentmails with the letter and consultation docs were read – 95 were unread.

We received 38 replies representing 37 families out of 81 in school. I also had conversation with at least 5 other families who approached me with questions. This was a really good rate of reply when compared to statistics from many other schools that have gone through the consultation process.

Of these – 21 families said Yes, 4 said No, 12 families said Don't Know (of whom 8 stated for example, that they felt they didn't know enough to decide, or that they felt that it was a political position that they could not support, but that they recognised that it was a decision the school had to seriously consider.)

I received replies from Lady Willoughby and the Manthorpe, Toft and Lound PCC – both of whom were keen to reiterate support for the decision as long as the character of our school is maintained.

I received acknowledgements from 3 Unions – 9 contacted.

- 2) Huge thanks to those who attended the Parents information session on May 5th, with me and Steve Stafford (Assistant Director of the LAAT). Again, 15 people attended representing parents and the community – that number may seem low, but Steve and his HR representative reported that 3 had been their previous record. Well done, Edenham families! I do know that some other families would have attended if they were able to make arrangements – thank you for your commitment and for sending your questions instead.

The verbal feedback following the meeting was positive and one parent responded;

'After listening to the meeting I feel all my questions were answered and I feel positive and assured ... The meeting was excellent, there was lots of time and questions answered honestly. Thankyou.'

- 3) I and the governors have collated all your questions and our responses in the attached document – I hope you find it useful.
- 4) I will write to you as soon as possible to let you know the outcome of the meeting this evening.

Best wishes, Kris