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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Update on Academy Consultation Process

Those of you with children at Clifton Green in the previous academic year will be aware that the school's Governing Body is exploring the possibility of converting to become an academy, a process many other schools in York have already completed. This would also include Clifton Green joining a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) where a group of schools work closely together and, where appropriate, share resources to provide better learning opportunities for our children. In the first instance Governors have been exploring being part of the Pathfinder MAT. This is a local MAT, currently made up of eight York schools and more information on Pathfinder can be found at [pathfindermat.co.uk](http://pathfindermat.co.uk)

In order to help inform the final decision as to whether or not to become an Academy and part of Pathfinder MAT, Governors held a consultation process for parents, staff and others within the community and around 50 parents engaged in that process through meetings and other conversations. Following feedback from the consultation period, **governors formally agreed to move forward to the due diligence stage of the process** which involves Clifton Green and Pathfinder looking in more detail at whether a future partnership is the right thing for both the school and the MAT. As part of the due diligence process, a number of representatives from Pathfinder will be in school next week on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and will aim to talk to parents in the playground at the beginning or end of the day, to both ask and answer any questions.

Please be reassured that following the due diligence process, any decision taken by the Governing Body will be based on what is best for our children, our families, our staff and our wider community and will fully take into account the views parents expressed during the consultation period. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to either me or Mrs Goyea, or contact one of our Governors.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Dave Brown  
Headteacher