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Dear Parent

On behalf of the governors of Hutton Rudby Primary School I am writing to inform you that, following a unanimous resolution of the governors at a meeting on Wednesday of this week, we are recommending that the school pursues conversion to academy status. The final decision as to whether to convert to an academy will only be taken after a thorough process of consultation has taken place with all interested parties including staff and parents.

The proposal is that the school will convert under a single academy trust. This will mean that it will operate autonomously as opposed to as part of a wider group of schools under the control of an umbrella organisation.

The governors have kept the academy issue under constant review over the past couple of years and having done so and having also spent a great deal of time looking at the future of the school we truly believe that conversion to academy status is the best way to preserve and continue to improve the high standards of teaching and learning at the school. We have taken particular cognizance of the fact that academy status will enable the school to operate within a more flexible educational regime. We believe that this will afford to our excellent teaching staff even greater scope for not just maintaining the schools outstanding status but for driving it forward to even higher levels of achievement.

We are proposing to convert under a single academy trust as it is the view of the governors that, at this stage of the school's development, it is important for it to maintain its independence and autonomy.

As stated above, the governors' recommendation is only the first stage of the process. There will be, in due course, an opportunity for parents to consult with and make representations to the governors and we will provide you with further information on that process in due course. We know that this would be a significant step for the school to take and that there will be further information which you will wish to know and questions and issues which you will wish to raise. We would ask however that you reserve those questions and issues until the formal consultation process in order that they can be voiced and considered on a structured, open and inclusive basis.

Yours sincerely

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Kate Dawson  
Chair of Governors  
Hutton Rudby Primary School

