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Dear Parents/Carers

Proposed Conversion of Thorpe Primary School to Academy Status

We write to inform you of the proposed intention of the school to become an academy, and joining the Carlton Academy Trust (CAT). This a significant and exciting development, which I believe will confer many advantages to the school and significantly enhance the quality education we can provide for your child.

Thorpe has established itself as a 'Good' school over recent years, and has ambitions to become an 'Outstanding' school. This level of improvement is very difficult to achieve as a small primary school, especially when provision and support from local authorities are diminishing right across the country.

In view of this, the governors have taken the decision to join Carlton Academy Trust. This a local trust formed out of the success of Carlton Bolling, an 'Outstanding' rated Bradford secondary school, who amongst many recent accolades were named as 'Secondary School of the Year' in the 2019 BBC/Pearson National Teaching Awards.

They are a rapidly developing Trust which will soon comprise three primary schools, with expert primary school personnel to drive improvements across this sector. In addition to the school improvement support it will also offer greater financial security and stability, and ability to administer the school on a more cost-effective basis. Together these will enable a significant uplift in the quality of education and outcomes of students at the school.

As part of this process, there will be a parents' consultation meeting held at the school on Monday 21 September. There will be two sessions, one starting at 4pm and the second at 5pm. Due to Covid-19, we have to take additional health and safety precautions, so if you wish to attend please contact school by phone or email the office by the end of Friday 18 September so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Included in this letter are as list of frequently asked questions relating to the conversion, which should answer most or all of your questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cooksey
Headteacher

Mr G Logan
Chair of Governors

