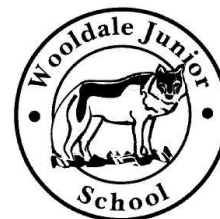




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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we have been awaiting confirmation of the academy sponsor for Kirkroyds. We can now report that the Learning Accord Multi Academy Trust will be taking responsibility for Kirkroyds, when the school converts to academy status. We have been informed that the conversion process takes approximately 6-9 months.

Learning Accord MAT are a local organisation consisting of Scissett CE Academy, St Aidan's CE Academy, Skelmanthorpe Academy and Helme CE Academy. The Chief Executive Officer is Elaine Watson and she has already been in contact with the Chair of Governors and Mrs Wood to arrange preliminary meetings. We will bring you further information regarding the conversion, as soon as it becomes available.

You will also be aware that Mrs Wood retires at Easter. The Governing Body have been actively seeking a suitable replacement, but due to a range of circumstances will now be recruiting an interim Head Teacher to take the Federation through to the Kirkroyds' conversion. The Governing Body are working closely with the Local Authority on this matter and we hope to confirm the new leadership arrangements before the Easter holiday.

Throughout this process, staff are working hard to fulfil the actions on the improvement plans in place at both schools, ensuring consistency and continuity in the children's teaching and learning.

We appreciate that these are uncertain times and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Dawn Whiteley MBE  
Chair of Governors