



1 August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to confirm that following a period of working in partnership, Parish School has now converted to academy status as part of Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust (YCST).

Our previous letter confirmed that although the conversion will have many positive benefits for the School, its day to day operation will appear much the same. In particular:

- work will continue with other local primary schools
- the School's name and uniform will not change, nor will its vision and values
- term dates and opening times will not change
- a broad and balanced curriculum will still seek to meet the needs of all
- pupils with additional needs will still have these addressed and resourced by School
- Ofsted will still inspect the School, in addition to faith inspections from SIAMS
- the staff in School will not change as a result of the conversion (although staffing does inevitably change over time)
- the School will have a little more freedom to decide how all our funding should be spent for the benefit of the children at Parish.

Whilst accountable to a Board of Trustees, Parish School will have its own Local Governing Body to work alongside its leadership team to continue to develop the School for the benefit of its children.

As part of YCST the School will continue to serve its community but also be able to play a full part as both a contributor and a receiver of support and challenge from colleagues within the Trust. We are pleased that the School and the Trust have shared values which put children firmly at the centre of all decisions made.

If you have any questions about this change to the School's status, you are welcome to raise them as you normally would through School.

We look forward to engaging with you on this new chapter for the School, but in the meantime wish you a pleasant and restful summer.

Yours faithfully

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