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### EMBRACE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those Parents who attended our consultation evenings and completed a response questionnaire.

We can now confirm that the response from both postal and email questionnaires demonstrated that a majority of parents/carers across all our schools are in favour of going forward with our plans to form a Multi-Academy Trust.

Following the end of the consultation period, all seven Governing Bodies reviewed the consultation results and were tasked with deciding, based upon the consultation and their own discussions, if they now wished to continue as a potential member of Embrace MAT. All seven schools gave their permission to continue.

As six of the seven schools are Church of England schools, it was necessary for these six schools to seek permission from the Diocesan Board of Education to convert to Academy Status (maintained schools only) and subsequently to form the proposed MAT. Huncote Community Primary School Academy Trust, who are not a Church of England school, were also present at the meeting to demonstrate our solidarity, as a unified group of schools.

A meeting with the Diocesan Board was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 and as a result of the presentation given that evening, permission has now been granted for us to go ahead.

We are now preparing our application to the Department for Education (DFE) to form the MAT and we aim to have this application to the DFE by the end of February 2018.

We have come a long way as a group of schools working together, since we started discussions in February 2017 and we have further work remaining. We do however remain confident that we will receive permission from the DFE and that we will be able to achieve our goal of opening the Embrace Multi Academy Trust on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

We will continue to keep you updated with all the latest news over the next few months.

Once again thank you for your help and support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Alison Banks

On behalf of the Head teachers and Governors of the proposed Embrace Multi Academy Trust.



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