



Small School Big Ideas

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Dear Parents,

Academy Conversion and the formation of the South York Multi-Academy Trust

I write to update you on our plans for our academy conversion and to establish the South York Multi-Academy Trust.

Naburn C of E Primary School and most of our intended partner schools have now received their academy orders and thus are able to begin the conversion process. The timing and the phasing of this conversion process will, however, be substantially different to the details originally given. This is linked to the City of York Council's scheduling of the conversion process and the time required to complete the conversion work. As a result of this, Naburn C of E Primary School is currently planned to complete its academy conversion by 1st October 2018 with the other partner schools currently granted academy orders joining on the planned dates indicated below. Given Escrick School is part of North Yorkshire County Council, a separate date for Escrick joining the South York Multi-Academy Trust will be agreed. As you will see from the indicative dates below, the establishment and development of the MAT will now take place with schools joining on an individual basis and over a longer period of time than was originally planned. This is not an issue in terms of the development of the Multi-Academy Trust or for the conversion of Naburn C of E Primary School given we have always stated the importance of ensuring the conversion happens in the right way rather than at any specific set time.

Archbishop of York's CE Junior – 1/9/18

Danesgate – 1/3/18

Dunnington CE Primary – 1/2/18

Elvington CE Primary – 1/6/18

Fulford School – 1/12/17

Lord Deramore's Primary – 1/11/18

Naburn CE Primary – 1/10/18

St Oswald's CE Primary – TBC

Wheldrake with Thorganby CE Primary – 1/5/18

I will provide more information on the academy conversion later next term as this becomes available. Please be assured that all schools involved in the proposed South York Multi-Academy Trust are working collaboratively to shape both the values and the structure of our MAT and to root this in the successful partnership that has developed over the years.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brenda Christison
Headteacher