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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing to inform you that during the past twelve months the Governing Body have been assessing the possible benefits to the school of joining a Multi Academy Trust.

Following the successful HMI inspection in January and a three-year trend of rising results, the school is well placed to continue this success in the future. The Governing Body believe that this can come through being part of a family of schools who support us and who we support in turn. A principal way of organising this is to integrate the school within a successful Multi Academy Trust. So that this option could be fully considered, the Governing Body developed and implemented a comprehensive plan. The plan involved talking to the Local Authority, interviewing the Chief Executives of Multi Academy Trusts and a structured benchmarking of their Trusts, taking advice from Trust experts, speaking with other Headteachers and meetings with the Department for Education.

Our Academy due diligence has been extensive and after completing it, the Governing Body has a preference to join the Pennine Academies Yorkshire. Crossley Hall Primary is already a member of this Trust and our Executive Headteacher, Mr. Thorp, has recently been appointed Chief Executive of the trust and as such would continue to be responsible for the success of the school along with the Head of School Miss Clapham. We already have a strong partnership with Crossley Hall and believe that joining this Trust is the best option to secure the future of Grove House Primary School.

The Governing Body now wish to formally consult about the school becoming an Academy and joining a Multi Academy Trust. We have submitted a request to the Department for Education to do so. They will decide in the next few months. If they agree, they will then follow **a full consultation process** with parents and carers, staff, children and community partners. Based on this information the Governors will then decide about academisation.

For the moment nothing in school is changing: Mr Thorp will continue as Executive Headteacher and Miss Clapham as Head of School. Once the Department for Education has decided on our consultation request, I will write to you with further information and details of the consultation process.

Yours faithfully,

Nick Briggs
Chair of Governors.

