



North Yorkshire County Council Education Department

# Carlton Miniott C.P. School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Converting to Academy**

As you will be aware there have been major changes to Education over the last couple of years due to new policies from the Government. Over the last few months, the School Governors and I have been looking at what is the best way to secure and improve the education of the children who attend Carlton Miniott Primary School now and in the future.

The major issue for schools in North Yorkshire is that over the next few years, money is being directed away from the local Authority and into Teaching Schools which will reduce the Local Authorities' ability to support us as a school and help us develop further. Therefore we have been speaking to a number of Academy Trusts, the Local Authority and local schools to assess the best way to access support in the future.

The Governors have decided that becoming part of an Academy Trust will be the best way to continue improving Teaching and Learning and will provide more opportunities for our children in the future and that we should now put a plan in place to begin the journey of becoming an Academy. This direction has not been forced upon us and is an informed plan to progress and develop the school.

The Governors have decided to pursue joining the Elevate Multi Academy Trust, which is based in Knaresborough. There are a number of reasons for this as follows;

- Our school will keep its distinct Ethos and our Governing Body will still make many of the decisions that affect our school
- Elevate is a local Trust made up and led by Primary School Headteachers
- Other local Schools intend joining this trust so that we can continue our collaboration with schools in the Thirsk area
- The Trust provides excellent opportunities to develop the skills of our teaching staff
- There are lots of opportunities for Carlton Miniott Primary School to shape the direction of the trust

The Governors feel in the changing world of Education, where the Local Authority has less influence, this will be a very positive move for our school. Over the next few months, we will be holding consultations about the proposed change where we will provide a lot more information on how this will affect our school. If any of you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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