

WH/RNM

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to be able to share with you that we have received notification this afternoon that Lord Agnew, the Schools' Minister, has granted the academy order that will see Boston Spa to become part of The GORSE Academies Trust (TGAT).

When we first began our dialogue about a possible partnership, TGAT had three Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' schools. In the year since beginning our consultation this has increased to seven 'Outstanding' judgements. The focus of Governors has always been standards and outcomes, and we are obviously delighted that we are finally in a place to drive our partnership plan with TGAT forward.

The minister's decision marks the end of any Leeds City Council plan to close or merge our school.

There is an important Governors' meeting next week that will set out the timetable for our conversion. They will also begin to accelerate our original partnership plan and I look forward to writing to you about their decisions in the next weeks.

We now have a number of legal processes attendant to formal academy conversions to complete, but we expect that Boston Spa will finally and formally be part of the TGAT family by the early autumn.

It is very important that I once again say thank you to all in our community who have supported us during the last thirteen months. It is difficult to underestimate how influential you have all been and how much our staff have valued all that you have done. We have been encouraged, overwhelmed and humbled in equal measure!

Today marks a really exciting step in the future of our school, and we are so grateful for the part you have all played; it has been so important, not just for the current young people in Boston Spa, but for the next generations to come.

Yours sincerely



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