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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is some time now since we consulted with parents, carers, staff and local stakeholders about converting to become an Academy with the intention of joining the South York Multi Academy Trust (South York MAT) so we are writing to update you on the development and progress of this work. We actually started this process in October 2016 when we consulted with all parents about the idea of converting to become an academy.

The South York MAT came into being on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 with the conversion of Fulford School to an academy. Dunnington C of E Primary School converted and joined the MAT, followed by Wheldrake with Thorngaby C of E Aided Primary School and then Archbishop of York C of E Junior School.

Danesgate received its Academy Order from the Department for Education in March 2017 and the plan is that we will finally convert to become The Danesgate Academy and join the South York Multi Academy Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

These are very exciting times for Danesgate. As an academy we aim to consolidate the development that we have gone through as a school over the past nine years. We have established a high quality provision for York and the surrounding area to meet a diverse range of needs under the Social, Emotional and Mental Health banner. As the Danesgate Academy we will still offer our Danesgate pathway – a pupil referral unit offering a specialist alternative setting to mainstream school for pupils with a wide variety of social, emotional and mental and physical health needs. As an Academy we will also continue to offer our Enhanced Special Educational Needs provision (what we call our Danesfield pathway) which is for pupils who have Educational Health and Care plans for complex social, emotional and mental health needs often linked to neuro-developmental diagnoses (eg ASD and ADHD) or attachment disorders.

I hope you are as excited by the approach of our new status as we are. Please do contact us if you would like further information.

Yours faithfully

  
Patricia Head (Mrs)

  
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