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Dear Parents and Carers,

Consultation Meeting – Academy Status

As you may be aware schools have been asked to explore whether to remain within local authority control or to join a multi-academy trust. As a consequence of this, and the continued debate and growth of academies in England, the Board of Governors decided to look more closely into whether an academy model would be in the best interests of the children, teachers and staff at Green Lane C of E Primary School and have researched, considered, and spoken to, several Multi-Academy Trusts as part of this process. Governors would now like to consult more broadly with parents and carers as to the best way forward for the school.

Governors and myself have had several meetings with the Diocese of Durham's Director and Assistant Director of Education in relation to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust (DNDLT), which is being offered to schools as an option within the Diocese who wish to consider becoming an academy.

Thirteen other Church of England Primary schools are already part of the DNDLT and there is more information on the DNDLT on its website at www.durhamnewcastledlt.co.uk.

We are therefore holding a consultation meeting on the evening of 1st February where representatives of the Governing Body, Senior Leadership Team and DNDLT will be on hand to discuss academy status with attendees. The meeting will start at 3.30pm and last for approximately one hour. The event will be fairly informal allowing all parents/carers/community members an opportunity to ask questions. We have included some background information with this letter along with a feedback form which we request that you complete and return to us.

We want and value your feedback and would urge you to attend the consultation meeting. As we expect the meeting to be popular, could you return the reply slip below – or email the school office – stating if you are planning to attend so that we can get a feel for numbers. Unfortunately, this meeting is for parents and carers only and not suitable for children.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr R Goffee'.

Mr R Goffee
Headteacher

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Yes I/we will be attending (please circle)

Number attending _____

No, I/we will not be attending (please circle)

Signed _____

Dated _____

Print name _____