

The Ryedale Federation



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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Ryedale Learning Trust

We would like to inform you that the Governing Board of the Ryedale Federation has carefully considered the consultation report and all feedback received during the consultation period (Monday 9th December 2019 to Monday 20th January 2020).

Having considered all feedback, the Governors have now agreed that the four schools within the Ryedale Federation, (Helmsley CP School, Kirkbymoorside CP School, Ryedale School and Sinnington CP School), will convert to academy status as part of a new multi-academy trust: to be known as the Ryedale Learning Trust. The Department for Education has also approved the Trust as an appropriate organisation to sponsor schools that become subject to an academy order, should we wish to do so in the future.

Our view is that this decision is in the best long-term interests of our pupils and our schools, and builds upon the strong and successful partnership we have established as the Ryedale Federation since 2016.

The intention is that our schools will convert during the summer term and that the Ryedale Learning Trust will be fully operational from September 2020 at the latest.

On behalf of the Governing Board I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the consultation. The consultation report is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

David Dangerfield
Chair of the Ryedale Federation Governing Board