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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we have been working really hard to strengthen our working relationships with our local schools. We have previously sent out a consultation document and, from the feedback you gave, we know that you support our desire to continue to work closely with Benfield, Central Walker, Tyneview and Walkergate schools by together becoming a Multi Academy Trust.

Our Multi Academy Trust proposal is very innovative and different as we want to work with our *local* schools regardless of whether they are a church school or not. Because our proposal is such a new way of working, we need to ensure that you are very clear about the structure of the Multi Academy Trust and how the schools will be governed. We have spent a long time gathering lots of information and Governors are satisfied that each individual school will keep its' own identity within our group of schools. It is really important that you feel satisfied and any questions have been answered.

Enclosed is a consultation booklet which provides all of the detail about how the Multi Academy Trust of schools will operate.

In summary:

- We have a real desire to continue to make a difference to the families within our area by working more closely with our local schools.
- We have already seen a number of improvements so we are very confident that our Multi Academy Trust will enable us to provide the very best education
- Each school is protected through a written agreement (memorandum of understanding) and funding agreement from the secretary of state to ensure that a non Church school can not be turned into a church school and vice versa.
- Becoming an academy will enable us to have greater influence over our curriculum and greater freedoms over how to spend our budgets.

We urge you to respond to our consultation. There are two questions at the back of the document that you have been asked to answer.

As a number of parent meetings have previously been offered, we will not be offering these this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself and I will be very happy to meet with you.

Yours sincerely

Nichola Draper

