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Notice of Outwood Grange Academies Trust sponsorship of Easingwold School

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Governors of Easingwold School

We are very pleased to be able to write to you and now confirm that Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT) will be sponsoring Easingwold School from the 1st September 2017 as originally planned.

After months of determining the facts about the school building and then working hard behind the scenes to secure Easingwold School's future, we are pleased to say that we have, with the help of North Yorkshire County Council, the Department for Education/Education & Skills Funding Agency, support from the school and our local MP, Mr Hollinrake, achieved an outcome which will benefit all Easingwold students for the foreseeable future.

We firmly believe that, as one of the highest performing multi-academy trusts in the country, we shall be able to realise the school's high potential and achieve the high standards that the community deserves; we are confident that we will deliver an outstanding academy at the heart of the Easingwold community.

We will be discussing with the governing body how to best manage the transition to sponsored academy status in the next few weeks and supporting the school through this process. Mr Pritchard and Mr Brockwell remain in post and we will seek to work with them until sponsorship takes place on the 1st September. We would like to record our thanks to both Mr Pritchard and Mr Brockwell for their leadership in this interim period. During the next few weeks we would like to be clear that at no point will we want to disrupt the school, especially for those students taking external examinations, and so we would envisage only continuing to work quietly behind the scenes with the governing body until the examinations have ended. Subsequently, if it is agreed with North Yorkshire County Council and the governing body, potentially running the school for the last few weeks of the year to ease the transition for September and bring about as soon as possible the necessary works to continue to improve the school.

We will confirm as soon as possible any and all arrangements for the end of this year and September and arrange to meet with you all as soon as we have agreed this with the governors.

We would like to thank those parents and members of the community who have been most supportive of our efforts to secure the best possible arrangements for the sustainability of a successful Easingwold school.

Best wishes to the current students on their forthcoming exams.

Yours faithfully

Outwood Grange Academies Trust