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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing on behalf of Hope Learning Trust, York to invite you to a meeting at the Graham School on Tuesday, 23 January at 5:00pm to share with you regarding the proposal for the Graham School to join the Hope Learning Trust, York. On the 08 December 2017 the Regional School Commissioner's Headteacher Board approved Hope Learning Trust becoming the sponsors for the Graham School.

The Trust would like to meet the parents/carers to share our plans for welcoming the Graham School into the Hope family of schools. We are a York based Trust with currently three primary schools and three secondary schools. After careful consideration, Hope Learning Trust would like to sponsor the Graham School and have begun the process of preparing for the school to join us in September 2018.

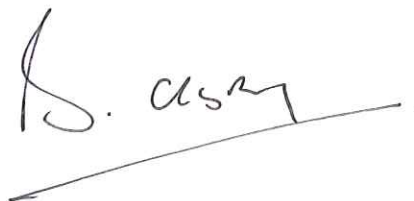
It is important for us to share our plans with the parent body and to be able to answer questions about the process and how it will affect your sons and daughters. We want an open and honest relationship with parents and carers, and to explain how we intend to support the leadership of the school in ensuring that the Graham School achieves an Ofsted rating of Good as soon as is possible. We know that the Yorkshire Teaching School Alliance, together with the local authority, have begun the journey towards Good and we will work together with them, the staff and governors to embed the necessary changes required.

I am sure you have many questions to ask and have heard many varying reports about schools becoming academies. This is your opportunity to ask questions and to hear honest and clear answers. You are welcome to bring your sons and daughters to hear the plans.

Graham School has been in existence for a century and has had many changes and locations. The school has served Scarborough well and the Trust aims to see the school become part of the outstanding educational provision for the young people in our community.

We welcome your presence on 23rd January.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Crosby
Chief Executive Officer