



Peak Edge Multi-Academy Trust Update

Dear Parents and Carers

It seems like a long while has passed since we last wrote to you about our progress in establishing our Multi-Academy Trust called "Peak Edge". While we did experience a delay as a result of the uncertainty around school funding, we are now reaching the end of the conversion process and have been getting excited about working together more closely as a group of schools.

Since we last wrote to you, Peak Edge has appointed Trustees to govern the Trust; please find attached to this letter information about who they are and their background. We feel we have appointed a strong team of trustees with a wide range of relevant expertise, all of whom are committed to the values of Peak Edge. Together with the Headteachers and Governors, they have established the Articles of Association and Schemes of Delegation for Peak Edge, which lay out how the Trust will operate as it supports the schools to deliver fun and engaging teaching and learning, an inspiring work place for staff and ultimately ensure all children reach their full potential. The Trust has also secured some additional funding that will be used to help staff share expertise and support each other across the schools. We would like to remind parents again at this stage that Peak Edge will be our own independent converter multi academy trust and is not being sponsored or run by any other organisation.

Peak Edge has now been incorporated as a Trust. Although it depends on finalising land use agreements with the Local Authority, we expect that Loxley Primary, Nook Lane Junior and Oughtibridge Primary schools will become Academies in the Trust on December 1st, that Bradfield Dungworth Primary and Stannington Infants will follow on January 1st 2019 and that Wharnccliffe Side Primary will follow as soon as is possible after that. All six schools will be working closely together as *de facto* full working partners regardless of the individual school conversion dates. The process of conversion will be completed at that point and the exciting journey of working together within Peak Edge will begin!

Yours sincerely,

Headteachers/Heads of School:

Mrs S Binns Mr S Arbon-Davis Mr M Gaughan Mrs H Adams Mr J Connolly Mr J Dugmore

Chairs of Governing Boards:

Mrs E Tunnard Mrs D Shaw Mr N Hughes Dr A. Beckerman Mr S Bennett Mr D Cates
(Stannington Inf.) (Nook Lane Juniors) (Wharnccliffe Side) (Bradfield Dungworth) (Loxley) (Oughtibridge)