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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware that the Government's aim is that the majority of schools should become part of a larger partnership of schools (called a Multi Academy Trust) by 2022. Although Thornhill Community Academy Trust is already an Academy, it is a Single Academy Trust and it is therefore not part of a Multi Academy Trust.

With this in mind, the Governing Body of the Academy has been exploring the range of Multi Academy Trusts available for Thornhill Community Academy to join. At a meeting in December 2017 the Governing Body agreed that joining a Multi Academy Trust offered many opportunities to work in partnership with a range of other schools, to further improve the quality of provision for our students, to further raise standards and to more quickly reach our goal of becoming an Outstanding Academy.

You will appreciate then that our discussions and plans have centred around how we maximise opportunities for students at Thornhill Community Academy and, of course, how we secure and protect our unique ethos and all that we value most highly about our Academy. With these principles in mind, we are investigating further the possibility of joining a Multi Academy Trust and should have some more information for you in the next couple of weeks.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Campbell
Chair of Governing Body