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Dear Parent/Carer

As I told you before the holidays we are in discussions with New College Durham Academy Trust to work with them more closely and join the trust. This will mean we would no longer be a Local Authority School but would work under the leadership and support of the trust instead. We will not be changing our school name or uniform in the event of joining the trust and believe that this would be the best way to secure the future of our school in the long run. The Governors and I have met with representatives of the trust several times and feel confident that if we join, we would be working with a supportive and effective team.

Other schools in the trust are based in the north of the county. Possibly more relevant for us in Wingate is the fact that Wellfield School joined the trust in September. Other local East Durham Schools are in discussions with the trust, but we would probably be the first East Durham Primary to join.

An information meeting will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 4.30pm at Moor Lane for any parent/carer who wants to find out any more information or has any questions/comments about the potential of us joining the trust. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

*Marie-Louise Binks*

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