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Dear Parents and Carers,

Bishopthorpe Infant School joins South York Multi Academy Trust (SYMAT)

Tomorrow (1 March 2022) sees Bishopthorpe Infant School join SYMAT. We are delighted to welcome them to our family of schools. Our schools have worked closely together for many years and look forward to the benefits an even closer partnership will bring to all of our schools within the trust.

Along with Archbishop of York's CE Junior School, Bishopthorpe Infant School provides the primary educational provision for the village of Bishopthorpe, prior to the majority of pupils moving to Fulford School. The provision of an outstanding 3 to 18 journey for our pupils within SYMAT has always been central to our vision.

Our commitment to you and your children

As we continue to grow, the core purpose of our trust and our values of **Inclusivity, Aspiration, Responsibility and Collaboration** that underpin it remains as important as ever. Our journey together through the pandemic has emphasised the importance of education, community, support and the setting of a clear direction.

As we move out of the pandemic we are keen to hear your views on the trust and how we can make a positive impact on the educational experience of your children, as well as playing a role within our wider community. We would really appreciate you sending any thoughts you have on what you would like to see the trust prioritising to our consultation email consultation@fulford.york.sch.uk over the next few weeks.

COVID-19

Over half term, government guidance around isolation and testing has changed. Our aim has always been to keep our schools as safe as possible to ensure we can maximise the number of children in classrooms, learning and socialising responsibly. The support we have had from parents and carers has been exceptional and I am sure as we move into a period where personal responsibility replaces national rules, parents and carers will make sensible decisions about sending their children to school which supports all within our community.

With very best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Steve Lewis
CEO - SYMAT

Be Aspirational ~ Be Collaborative ~ Be Inclusive ~ Be Responsible