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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and hope you have had a lovely half term and managed to enjoy some time off. The Governing Body would like to share some news with you.

After a consultation with Topcliffe playgroup we are now a 2-11 years provision and would like to give a warm welcome to the staff, children and families that now join the Topcliffe Church of England Primary family. We look forward to getting to know you all and seeing you in school.

The consultation process to convert Topcliffe Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School to academy status and join Elevate Multi Academy Trust has taken place and if you would like to see a copy of the report you can find it via the 'Academy Consultation' page of the school website. If you would like a hard copy please call in to the school office and we will be happy to print you off a copy. The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers and staff for their engagement in this process. We had some very thought provoking and useful discussions with parents at the parent's session and the drop in session afterwards. Your views are important and have been discussed at length.

83% of respondents were in favour of the proposed conversion to academy status and the governing body believe, having looked through the responses, that joining Elevate will give our children an opportunity to further develop the high standards and special, individual ethos our children and staff currently enjoy and thrive in.

The lines of communication through school will stay the same and we always welcome conversations between you and class teachers and headteacher, so don't hesitate to come in to school if you have any queries or questions over the coming months. Uniform will remain almost the same with a slight change to the logo name. More information will follow on uniform ordering. Children can remain in the current uniform but as new orders go through it will have the new logo on.

The final stage is now for the DfE to give final approval for the conversion to go ahead. We will continue to keep you updated.

Yours sincerely,

Tara Rose
Chair of Governors

