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Dear parents and carers,

I wrote to you on 11 January to update you on plans to transfer Balby Carr Community Academy to a new academy trust. This followed the decision for Wakefield City Academies Trust (WCAT) to work with the Department for Education to look for a new trust for each of its schools.

Following careful consideration, I can now confirm that Astrea Academy Trust will be the new trust for Balby Carr. This follows the opportunity for parents, carers, staff, governors, local authorities, MPs and other interested parties to contact the Department for Education to share views on the proposal. During that time, Astrea also engaged with parents and staff.

I am confident that Astrea is best placed to support Balby Carr and I attach some further detail on the trust for your information.

We are working closely with WCAT and Astrea to ensure that Balby Carr is transferred to the new trust with minimal disruption to pupils, staff and parents. I believe that setting this clear direction now will provide further stability for the remainder of the academic year. In addition, we have worked closely with Astrea to determine the funding and resources that will be provided to secure an excellent education for all pupils at Balby Carr.

Thank you for your continued engagement with this process. I strongly believe that pupils, parents, carers, staff and governors at the academy should feel positive about the future of Balby Carr, moving forward with Astrea. I remain committed to working with all involved to secure the best possible educational outcomes for every pupil at Balby Carr.

Yours sincerely

John Edwards
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