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Dear Parent / Carer

As you may be aware, the government recently announced its intention that all schools will become academies by 2020. The Regional Schools Commissioner has been working closely with The Education Alliance for some time with the expectation that we will steadily grow our Trust so that more schools could eventually become part of The Education Alliance Family and more young people across the East Riding and Hull will have the best possible education.

The Trust has been approached by the Department for Education to become the long term sponsor for Driffield School and Sixth Form from September 2016. Driffield has previously been a good school but has recently experienced some difficulties leading to it being placed into Special Measures following an Ofsted visit in March. We have worked with a number of schools who have been in similar circumstances and these partnerships have been of mutual benefit to all schools and have strengthened our links within the East Riding of Yorkshire.

We are committed to ensuring that South Hunsley, Malet Lambert and Hunsley Primary Schools continue to be led by the strong Senior Leadership Teams and as such, students and parents should see no day-to-day operational changes in any existing schools as our partnership with Driffield School and Sixth Form develops.

Yours faithfully



Richard Swain  
**Chair of Board of Directors**