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Dear Parents and Carers

You may be aware that a group of schools, including Corbridge Middle School, is proposing to form a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) to be known as Tynedale Community Learning Trust. As governors, we have been aware for some time of the discussions taking place regarding this proposal. We would simply wish to reassure you that whatever form the new MAT may eventually take, our children will still be able to progress to any of the middle schools in our area. We will of course keep you informed of any developments in the coming weeks and months.

We are pleased to inform you that from September this year, dependent on the agreement of the current pre-school management committee and trustees, we anticipate incorporating Riding Mill Pre-School into our overall school provision. This would enable us to offer continuous educational provision for children from two to nine years from the beginning of the new school year. Our after school provision will continue to accept children up to 14 years. We hope in future to provide for children during school holidays – a development much requested by working parents in particular. We look forward to providing more detailed information about this in the very near future.

Moreover, during the summer break you may notice a squad of roofers busily working on our building. Thanks mainly to very welcome funding secured through Newcastle Diocesan Education Board, phase two of our roof refurbishment will take place when school is closed. As a school we need to contribute £8000 to the overall cost of £85,000.

The families of Riding Mill and area deserve the best education for all their children. This is what we as governors are passionate about providing. This is a village where people of all ages and circumstances are welcome. The number of young families moving in to the village is growing year on year. These families and their children in particular are the life blood of our village now and in the future. Our school is and will be there to play a vital part in this community – in particular to help our children to grow and flourish – and enjoy the fresh air!

Please do contact us in school if you would like to discuss any of these developments further.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely

David McKenzie

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Chair of Governors

