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Dear Parents/Carers

**Consultation regarding Crofton Academy joining Castleford Academy Trust**

I am writing to inform you that the Governing Board of Crofton Academy (Wakefield Secondary school) has signalled an intent to explore joining Castleford Academy Trust. This is an exciting opportunity to potentially work in partnership with all involved at Crofton Academy.

Castleford Academy Trust are passionate about working collaboratively with other schools who have the same values, ethos and drive to achieving the very best for all pupils. Working collaboratively with Crofton Academy will allow us to further build Trust capacity, share expertise and develop partnership working further. The expansion of Castleford Academy Trust will inspire greater collaboration and innovation, built on current good practise.

As part of the process we have commenced a consultation period which will run from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We have enclosed answers to some frequently asked questions with this letter, along with a form which allows you to share your views on the proposal and provides an opportunity for you to raise any questions you may have. Please complete and return this to [MATconsultation@croftonacademy.org.uk](mailto:MATconsultation@croftonacademy.org.uk) or hand into the academy by 9am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Alongside the consultation process will be the commencement of an official period of due diligence. This is a vital part of the process of joining a MAT. During this time, Castleford Academy Trust will undertake a detailed due diligence process on Crofton Academy and vice versa. Until the successful completion of this, no formal commitment to join Castleford Academy Trust would take place.

Crofton Academy are holding a consultation meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 6pm at Crofton Academy if you have any further questions or require further information. All are welcome to attend. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [MATconsultation@croftonacademy.org.uk](mailto:MATconsultation@croftonacademy.org.uk) by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

We would like to thank you in advance for your considered opinions on this proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Panayiotou', written in a cursive style.

**George Panayiotou**