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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Federation Update

It has been a very busy three years here at Castleton, Glaisdale and Lealholm. With the conversion to become an Academy, the changes in leadership, staffing, governance structure and of course the federation of the three schools.

We thought now the dust had settled it would be a good time for a brief update on what is happening now and the near future.

We will start at the top. Jane Douglass has now retired from her role as CEO of Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust (YEAT). I would like to say a massive thank you to Jane for the relentless hard work she has put in over many years, not just Castleton and Glaisdale but to all the Academy Schools, her work behind the scenes has been invaluable. I would also like to thank her for all her commitment to the Teaching School and her support throughout the Alliance and the community. She will however return in the spring term to carry on her school improvement role for YEAT.

For up to date news about YEAT visit the Academy website [www.yeat.co.uk](http://www.yeat.co.uk)

As Castleton/Glaisdale and Lealholm have federated within the Academy, the governance structure has also had to change alongside it. We are now operating as one Governing Body with representatives from each of the three Schools as follows:

Mrs Helen Ward (Head Teacher)  
Mrs Louise Margetts (Chair) Castleton  
Mr Andrew Parker (Vice Chair) Lealholm  
Mrs Amy Newton (Parent) Lealholm  
Mrs Rebecca Denniff (Parent) Lealholm  
Mrs Joanne Kevan (Parent) Castleton & Glaisdale  
Mr Richard Prust (Parent) Castleton & Glaisdale  
Miss Beth Parkes (Staff) Lealholm  
Mrs Rachel Grace (Staff) Castleton  
Mrs Ray Hopwood (Co-Opted) Lealholm  
Mrs Sue Morgan (Co-Opted) Lealholm  
Mr Dan Medcalf (Co-Opted) Castleton & Glaisdale  
Mrs Polly Findlay (Co-Opted) Castleton & Glaisdale

Mr Andrew Maisey has now retired as Chair of Governors at Lealholm School and we would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication over the past years, he however still sits on the Trust Board of the Academy. We would also like to use this opportunity to thank all the Governors past and present for all their hard work it is a massive responsibility.

For more information on the governance of our Schools please visit the School website. <http://www.castletonprimaryschool.co.uk/our-school/governors/>

We are also proud to announce the upcoming launch of the 'English Hub' This makes us one of just thirty two English hubs in the country dedicated to bringing the very best standards, not just in our Schools but sharing our practices up and down the country. This is a massive accolade for our Academy and shows the excellent standards of learning the schools provide for our children.

We would like to thank you as parents for all your continued support to the Schools it is invaluable!

Yours sincerely,

*Louise Margetts*

Chair of Governors