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Dear Parent/Carer,

Subject: Future of Baldersby St James Church of England Primary School

Following the commencement of the listening period on the 10th September 2021, the Trust has made the decision to extend this from the original end date of the 22nd October 2021 until **19th November 2021**.

The purpose of this extension is to enable us to schedule a further presentation, following the half term holiday break, so that all parents and carers have another opportunity to discuss our plans for closure.

As previously stated, the Trust has to follow the guidelines published by the Department for Education, which clearly states that a listening period is *“that academy trusts discuss their closure plans openly and transparently with all individuals and organisations likely to be affected by the closure, once a substantive decision has been given by the department”*.

The Trust has offered all families individual meetings, which some of you have already attended. We will continue to offer these meetings, by arrangement with the school, until the end of the listening period.

We therefore invite all parents/carers to the following meeting:-

Date: 17th November 2021

Time: 6pm

We are aware that North Yorkshire County Council are undertaking a preferencing exercise which ends very soon. The deadlines for the preference exercise are unaffected by the extension to the listening period. We understand that next week the NYCC Admissions Team will be making direct contact with individual parents and carers.

The Trustees, Trust colleagues and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Winn
Chief Executive Officer