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## Academy Update

We write to update you on our conversion to an academy. Following numerous meetings held with the Department for Education, they have now made a decision and we can now confirm that Newsome High School will be joining Impact Education Multi Academy Trust.

Impact is a values driven organisation with the belief that collaborative leadership and strong partnership development can lead to significant positive impact on the quality of education. They believe that this can happen without schools losing their own identity. This is fantastic for Newsome High as this will build on our strengths as a community, family school whilst taking advantage of the support that comes with being part of a wider network of schools and resources.

Impact state "We are an organisation where Hearts and Minds Connect and have developed a culture and ethos that ensures children and young people achieve the very best outcomes whilst developing a life-long love of learning. We have high expectations academically but we also place a great emphasis on positive attitudes to learning and building effective relationships with others. Our children and young people are encouraged to develop themselves as fully rounded, emotionally intelligent individuals. Our people are highly valued and encouraged to take advantage of the wealth of developmental opportunities across the Trust." Values, culture and ethos that very much align with Newsome High.

There are many misconceptions around schools converting to an academy and each Academy Trust is different. What we can reassure you of is that our huge developments recently have been recognised and Impact will be supporting us in ensuring this continues at pace through utilisation of their wealth of services and resources. Governors and the Senior Leadership Team are pleased with the decision to join Impact Education Multi Academy Trust and have already made positive working relationships and links with key colleagues.

Now the decision has been made, there is a due diligence process that needs to take place before final conversion. In September, we will be holding sessions for parents and carers to hear about Impact and meet key staff from the Trust.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair of Governors

Mr D Watkin  
Headteacher