



Wakefield City Academies Trust

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD

8th September, 2017

The following statement is issued by Wakefield City Academies Trust's Board:

As a new board appointed in July 2016 to address the significant challenges faced by Wakefield City Academies Trust, we have been engaged in a robust period of review and evaluation of all aspects of the organisation, in particular the quality of education provision.

Having undertaken this comprehensive review, led by an experienced CEO, our conclusion is that the Trust does not have the capacity to facilitate the rapid improvement our academies need and our students deserve.

Consequently, the Board has requested that the Department for Education (DfE) work with it to place our academies with new sponsors. Together with the DfE we will ensure that our academies get the support they need now, and as part of new trusts, to secure the educational experience of children in the schools.

The Board recognises this announcement will cause uncertainty, particularly for our staff. It will work with them to ensure the transition to new sponsors is as seamless as possible.

Our students' best interests, as ever, remain our focus and they and parents should be reassured that this decision will have a positive impact on education provision.