

19th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Please find attached a letter from Richard Sheriff, CEO of the Red Kite Learning Trust (RKLT), which was sent to the parents of pupils at Oatlands Junior School this morning. It informs parents that the Trust will not be proceeding with its proposal to convert the Junior School into a full primary school and that it is planning to commence building works to accommodate the increased pupil numbers from Oatlands Infant School.

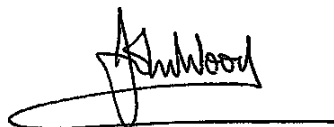
We recognise that this has been a very difficult time for parents, governors, staff and all connected with Oatlands Infant School and we are very grateful for the overwhelming support that has come from so many interested parties in relation to the proposals put forward by Red Kite Learning Trust.

Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust is committed to the high quality education that not only the Infant School, but also the Junior School, provides. However, after full consultation and detailed consideration of the proposal, the Trust does not feel that it is in the best interests of the children, the community and Oatlands Infant School to agree to the changes proposed. It is the view of Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust that the proposal would create such uncertainty and disruption that it would put at risk the excellent provision already provided by Oatlands Infant School and Oatlands Junior School.

Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust remains committed to supporting students in their transition to the Junior School and has already agreed and diarised meetings to ensure that the best interests of the children are served at this point in their education.

We are very fortunate to have two fantastic schools within the Oatlands community and by working together they can each go from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer
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