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**Dear Community Partner,**

You may recall from our earlier communications that Impact Education Multi Academy Trust applied to the Department for Education to expand through a partnership with Pennine Academies Yorkshire, with effect from 1 September.

I am pleased to confirm that the Department for Education has now formally approved this application.

This partnership represents a positive step forward for our Trust and the communities we serve. Both Trusts share a strong commitment to providing high-quality, inclusive education rooted in local communities, and to working collaboratively with partners to support children, families and wider neighbourhoods.

We would like to thank our community partners and stakeholders for their engagement and interest throughout this process. Your ongoing support and collaboration are highly valued and play an important role in helping our schools thrive.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will begin detailed planning to support a smooth and effective integration. As this work progresses, we will continue to communicate openly and share relevant updates.

Please see our website <https://i-mat.org.uk/our-future/> for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of our Academies and communities.

**Yours sincerely,**



**Mick Kay**  
Chief Executive Officer