



St Catherine of Siena Multi Academy Company

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St Catherine of Siena Catholic Academy

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To all of our families and the school community,

First, I would like to thank you all for the hard work and commitment you show to our pupils, to our schools, to our communities and to our Academy community every single day. There have been a number of Saint Catherine initiatives this year, as we forge relationships and develop our sense of collective family. For example, it was a real pleasure to see our children collaborate on the Saint Catherine of Siena statues, which they designed and made together, before donating to partnership schools and celebrating at Mass in Saint Catherine's Church. There have been far too many other wonderful moments of learning and citizenship across the MAC to count and name, but we value all you do to make us all that we are.

We promised that the Academy would work hard to strengthen our relationships and find ways of supporting our schools, so that we continue to grow together, overcome the challenges facing education now and secure our collective future during a period of extensive financial cuts and difficulties. For that reason, the Academy has recruited: Sarah Bray - a Senior Chartered Accountant - to be our Strategic Finance Officer; Katie Tennant, to be our Lead Office Manager and support our school administration and Caroline Caddick to be our Operations Manager and support schools with buildings maintenance, projects, safeguarding and purchasing. We will also be adding Kieran Beattie, a highly qualified sports coach, who will be working full time across 3 of our schools initially, to run high quality sports in schools, as well as after school clubs and holiday clubs for our families. All of this provision has been funded out of the collective cost savings and negotiations we have made as an Academy, rather than purchasing agreements and resources as four separate schools. Therefore, there is much to gain from continuing to work together. This has also allowed us to invest in the environments at the four schools as well. St. Francis will be benefiting from a substantial outdoor environment change this summer because of Academy investment. You will also notice other changes to our schools' buildings and outdoors during the break. We hope all of our changes will help to provide the best education and learning environments possible for our pupils.

As Saint Catherine said: *"Be who God has called you to be and you will set the world on fire"*, and our mission as an academy is clear; we want to use the uniqueness of our schools to create an academy that is a beacon of excellence within education and the community. As we reflect on the year that has gone, the Academy must remain highly focussed and committed to the year ahead and what is to come. We exist only to ensure that all of our pupils receive an education that is centred on Christ, active service as men and women for others and the very best educational practice.

We will continue to need your help and support to achieve this ambition, but with the remarkable staff and families we have in our schools, it is certainly possible. We wish you a blessed summer with friends, family and loved ones. Savour the sun and the moments together and we will see you all in the Autumn Term, ready for a new chapter in our shared history.

Regards,

Joyce Gardner

Danny Doyle

(Chair of Directors)

(Senior Executive Principal and Accounting Officer)

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