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Dear Parents / Carers

### **ST RALPH SHERWIN CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST**

I am writing to you on behalf of Bishop Patrick McKinney. You may be aware that, for the past two years, we have been working with our school communities on the establishment of four large Multi-Academy Trusts which will include all of our diocesan schools. I am delighted to inform you that this project will be completed very soon and that from the beginning of the new academic year, all of our schools in Derby City, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Stockport and one in Nottinghamshire will be part of the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. This Trust will comprise 25 schools in total (of which 20 are primary and 5 are secondary).

One of the main reasons for doing this has always been to ensure that our children remain the absolute priority and that they continue to receive the very best educational opportunities and life-fulfilling experiences within communities which have the teachings of Christ and his Church at the very centre.

Each Trust will have a Board of Directors, a Chief Executive Officer and a number of other staff who will be working to support the schools in the Trust. The Chair of the Board of Directors is Mrs Jacqueline Rodden and the Chief Executive Officer is Mr Sean McClafferty. However, each school will continue to be led by its headteacher along with a local governing body which will be primarily responsible for overseeing the Catholic Life of the school and academic standards. Further details about the Trust will be shared with you after the summer break but I wanted to reassure you that, your relationship with your local school community will remain just the same as it is now.

I would also like to express my very grateful thanks to the governors, headteachers and staff in our schools for their continued support. I wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely,

**Peter Giorgio**  
Director of Education

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