



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

3rd March 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will know St Aidan's became an Academy in August 2011 and since that time has continued to provide an outstanding education for students attending the school. Since 2011 there have continued to be many new developments within the world of education, one of which has been the formation of 'Multi Academy Trusts' (MATs). Nationally this has been seen to be the way in which schools can work together within a local structure that is focused on the needs of students in a locality. Schools joining a MAT share administrative and financial structures to help them weather the financial storms that are looming as well as provide support and development for the Teaching and Learning that takes place in the schools.

Following due diligence and discussions with the Members of St Aidan's Academy Trust and the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, St Aidan's has formed a Multi Academy Trust with Richard Taylor Church of England Primary School. The Governors of St Peter's Church of England Primary School and All Saints Kirkby Overblow Church of England Primary School have been given permission to go to consultation over proposed Academy Status with a view to joining the St Aidan's/Richard Taylor Multi Academy Trust later in the year.

St Aidan's has had a very close relationship with all these schools over the years as all of them are in the Church Family of Schools within our Diocese. We would see this initiative as a natural development for the schools concerned and are convinced that it will be to the benefit of the students in all schools. We would wish to make clear that the formation of this Trust will not lead to any changes in the admissions process for St Aidan's, and that we will continue to work closely with other schools and the Local Authority as part of their provision for the area.

The Members of the Multi Academy Trust will remain as now, namely, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Chair of Governors, a representative of St Peter's P C C, a representative of Christ Church P C C, the Incumbent of Christ Church, the Diocesan Director of Education and a representative selected by the Diocesan Board of Education. It is anticipated that the new Board of Directors will be chaired by Ms Claire Kelley, the Chair of our Governors. Each school will then continue to have its own Local Governing Body that will deal with issues relating to the needs of that school and the educational provision for the students that attend the school.

This is an exciting development for all schools in this changing environment for education but we wish to assure you that we will continue to provide the highest quality of education for all the students in our care. If any parent wishes to discuss this matter further then I will be only too happy to meet with them at a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely

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