



Little Way Catholic Educational Trust

9th January 2024

To All Parents & Carers of children attending schools within the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust

I hope that you have had a happy and peaceful Christmas and have been able to spend a little more time than usual with family and people who are special to you.

I am writing to share some exciting news that marks a significant milestone in your school's journey. Over the past year, there have been consultations, decisions and a great deal of coming together in working groups as staff, parents, children and governors to work with other local Catholic schools to build the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust (LWCET) together. This is a Trust that formally brings together 6 founding Catholic schools to support one another in facing the challenges of the educational landscape while also celebrating and sharing the many wonderful things that happen within every one of our schools.

I am delighted to inform you that our Trust successfully launched on 1st January 2024 and that each of the six schools are now in formal partnership as the founding members of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust.

This move signifies a new chapter for your school, bringing with it a range of opportunities and resources that will enhance, over time, the provision and support for children, their families and our staff. Affiliation with the Trust will enable the schools to collaborate with a wider network of educators, access additional opportunities and provide enhanced resources that will benefit each school community.

Today, children in each of our schools are celebrating this important milestone with activities to mark the 'birth' of our Trust: little acts to make a big difference to the communities that we serve, and of course.....they'll also be eating celebratory cake! We have launched a video of each of the schools that will be available soon on our Trust website. This can be accessed over the coming weeks through the school website and will give you a good opportunity to learn more about the other LWCET schools, each of whom have their own unique character and bring their own gifts to the Trust. We will share this with you through the usual school newsletter.

The schools have recognised that there is great strength in working closer together however, please be reassured that you and your child/ren are unlikely to notice great change to the day to day running of your school and that our celebrations are about recognising that we're also part of something bigger and stronger that we all belong to. The school will continue to go about every day business the way it always has done.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding any aspect of this transition into the Multi-Academy Trust, please do not hesitate to ask your Headteacher who continues to lead your school community alongside their Senior Leadership Team.

I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for all schools within The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and gratitude for your continued support and commitment to the school you entrust your child to, within our Trust.

With very best wishes.

Mrs Charlotte Blanch
LWCET Interim CEO