

May 24th 2018

Dear Parents and Carers of St Anne's and St Thomas More Schools,

As you will be aware, from September 2018 our schools will be joining with a further 23 schools from the Nottingham Diocese to become the St Ralph Sherwin Multi Academy Trust. The vision of our CEO, Mr S McClafferty is that the Multi Academy Trust becomes a collaborative resource from which all schools within it will benefit. Governors, Leaders and staff believe this will be a great opportunity for all schools to access resources that due to financial limitation's we would otherwise be unable to benefit from.

The Parent's of St Anne's will be aware that their Head teacher resigned at the end of the Spring Term which would normally trigger the process of Governors recruiting a new Head teacher. As the Multi Academy Trust will have responsibility for staff rather than the Governors from September, it is only right that the CEO should also be involved in the process of replacing this very important position. It has now been agreed between the CEO of the Trust, the Governors of St Anne's and the Governors of St Thomas More that as an interim measure, for 12 months commencing in September, that Mr B Hickey, the Head teacher of St Thomas More will support St Anne's as an Executive Head teacher.

What this means, is that Mrs J Wiggins will be appointed Head of School at St Anne's for the duration of the interim arrangement and Mr Hickey will provide strategic leadership and support to Mrs Wiggins. There will be further support from within the Multi Academy Trust from a Director of Standards who will work with both the Head of School and the Executive Head to provide direction and support for the continued raising of standards at St Anne's.

Mr Hickey will continue to be Head teacher at St Thomas More and will be supported in this role through his own leadership team and Mrs Wiggins will be supported through her leadership team at St Anne's.

All day to day issues will continue to be directed to the respective Heads of each school and this means that all enquiries, concerns, etc should continue to be directed to the relevant school for response. Both schools will continue to be supported by their Local Governing Bodies and all policies, procedures and processes will remain unchanged at this stage.

We are all really pleased that Mr Hickey has agreed to step into this role and that Mrs Wiggins has agreed to take this very important leadership role at St Anne's and we are confident that the arrangement will provide the necessary stability that St Anne's needs and also that it will not impact the continued and well established exceptional leadership that St Thomas More has. In fact we are all agreed that it is a great opportunity to embrace the vision of our CEO Mr McClafferty in being the role model for a collaborative Multi Academy Trust.

We wish both Mrs Wiggins and Mr Hickey the very best of luck in their new roles and will continue to support them at Governor Level.

Mrs L J Gavin and Dr S Hardman
Chairs of Governors at St Anne's and St Thomas More schools

