



Nottingham Roman Catholic

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Dear Parents/Carers of St Thomas More Catholic School,

I am writing to tell you about new plans for the future of Catholic education in the Nottingham Diocese.

The Bishop of Nottingham has decided that all remaining voluntary aided schools in the Diocese of Nottingham will convert to academy status and join one of four county based Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts (CMATs) from 1st September 2018.

The aim is to enable all schools to provide excellent educational standards, within a strong and supportive network, and to ensure that the Catholic education system in the Diocese of Nottingham is protected and developed for future generations of children.

This means that St Thomas More Catholic School will be joining a Catholic MAT consisting of the Nottingham Diocese Catholic schools in Derbyshire, Derby City and including those in Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire and Marple Bridge, Stockport, a total of 25 schools of which 20 are primary and 5 are secondary schools.

This is good news as it will enable high quality teaching to continue and flourish so that your child receives the best education possible.

As St Thomas More is not currently an academy, work on the conversion to academy status will begin early in the new academic year and at this point you will receive more detailed information about the timescales which will apply to the conversion in newsletters and on the school website. The school will have a project team established by the Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service that will take care of most of the actions required through the conversion process.

Headteachers and governors will be briefed about these arrangements and will work out how St Thomas More can work more closely together with other schools in our new Catholic MAT.

We are excited about this next stage in our journey and we thank you for your continued support. We ask also for your prayers as we work together to make this a reality.

Yours sincerely,

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