

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As the Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST), I am writing to you regarding the proposed arrangements for the three schools in the Berkshire Schools Trust (BST) to join ODST.

ODST is a thriving Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), serving over 7,100 pupils within its growing family of 38 church and community schools across Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

ODST trustees have been working closely with the BST trustees to explore this exciting potential next step. We have had many discussions over the last few months and a rigorous process of due diligence has been undertaken by senior colleagues. We in ODST are confident that we can fully support St John's Primary School, New Town Primary School and New Christ Church Primary School and we look forward to welcoming them. We are committed to enabling all our schools to develop and flourish, working for the Common Good and supporting all pupils to thrive. We encourage all our schools to retain their individual character and ethos, whilst working together as a large family which supports one other.

I do hope that you will be able to take part in the formal consultation process which opens on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as we are keen to hear your views on the proposal.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



Kathy Winrow  
Chair of ODST Trustees