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ACADEMISATION COMPLETION

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you that after lots of hard work in the background, we have officially joined the Our Lady of the Magnificat family of schools as an academy. This was part of a voluntary process started many years ago, recognising that formal and informal collaboration amongst schools is vital for schools to thrive and improve. As a Catholic school, this is especially important and supports the school to work with other schools with a similar context.

We were pleased to welcome Tom Leverage, CEO of the Academy, and Tony Quinn, Director of Education, on Monday morning for our staff briefing. We are excited about the opportunities this partnership will bring for our staff and children, whilst being able to retain the unique and special aspects of our school community.

I would especially like to thank our dedicated governors and office staff who have gone above and beyond to ensure the transition has been as smooth as possible. We have been supported brilliantly by the Magnificat IT team, and you will have spotted new email addresses as we transition to new IT systems. We will have a few more operational things happening over the coming weeks and months to align with academy processes, so please do bear with us if response times from the office continue to be slightly slower than usual.

It is an exciting time to be at St Mary's, and I also extend my thanks to you, our parents, for your continued support of the school.

Warm wishes,

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Rachel Chadbourne

Headteacher

Inspiring children to love learning and live in the light of Christ

