ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Staff,

Re: Leadership Arrangements at St Mary's and St Mary & St Peter

We hope this letter finds you well.

As you are aware, at the end of the spring term our Head of School at St Mary's, Ewa Parker, left to take up an exciting new role within a different trust. Since then, we have implemented interim leadership arrangements to ensure continuity and stability for our pupils, staff, and wider school community.

I am pleased to share that these interim arrangements have proven highly successful. Under the guidance of Helen Armstrong as Executive Headteacher and Abi Goddard as Interim Head of School across both schools, the schools have continued to flourish. Their collaborative approach has strengthened the partnership between the two schools, encouraging purposeful collaboration and the sharing of expertise and best practice among staff.

Following a thorough review, and in consultation with the Trust Board, we are delighted to confirm that these leadership arrangements will remain in place for the 2025–2026 academic year. To further enhance capacity, Carolyn Mann and Sarah Steele will also continue in their enhanced leadership roles, bringing additional strength and experience to the team.

We are confident that this leadership team will continue to build on the schools' strengths, working together to lead St Mary's and St Mary and St Peter into their next exciting chapter.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to each of you for your continued support and flexibility during this period of change. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to both school communities have been instrumental in ensuring a smooth and positive experience for everyone.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With warm regards

Kim Payne
(Interim CEO)

Beryl Edwards
(Chair of Governors)