

13 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It is inevitable and only right that the sad events of the last few days has over-shadowed the news that your school has joined the Trust. We have been working with all Trust schools to support them in supporting children and staff in school at this time of national grief at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. We know that people will have different reactions to the news and it is for each person and family to respond in ways that are right for them.

In our schools and at the Trust we have been reflecting on the contribution of the Queen to public life and the significant role she has played as the 'Governor of the Church of England' and 'Defender of the Faith'. As Church Schools in a Church Trust we have obviously drawn inspiration from the Queen's own life of faith and we thank God for her witness to us all. We continue to pray for her and the Royal Family as they prepare for her funeral next week.

As Monday 19th September has been made a bank holiday we therefore formally notify you that school will be closed on that day. It will re-open on Tuesday 20th September.

We pray too for our new King and ask God to strengthen him as he manages with his own grief whilst at the same time simply getting on with the role he has been destined to play.

At the end of this letter you will find a prayer we have been using to reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth and a separate prayer we are using to ask for God's support of King Charles.

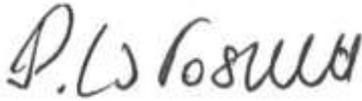
Having said all this, the main purpose of this letter is to notify you that school has recently joined the Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust. We welcome you to our family of schools and commit to provide all the support we can to the child or children in your care at our school. We are delighted your school has joined our Trust family of schools.

In our Trust our absolute priority is to ensure that every child reaches their potential and has an opportunity to flourish. The clear vision for our Trust is to ensure all of our schools are places where children and young people develop and thrive academically, socially, culturally and spiritually. We look to do this as a Trust in ways that are mutually supportive and involve us in *loving, living and learning together*.

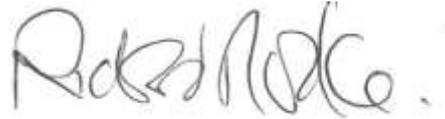
As Chair and CEO of the Trust we are looking forward to working with you and your school. Your school continues to be led by a Head Teacher and a local governing body and we will work closely with them to ensure resources are available and that your children have the very best experience. You will notice we have not changed the name or uniform of the school or made any other significant changes. We explained during the consultation process we do not consider there is any need to make such changes when our schools are performing well. Our role within the Trust is to ensure that your school remains distinct to your community and continues to serve you and your children in the delivery of high quality church school education.

We are aware that our education system faces many challenges at the moment. We believe one of the best things we can do for our schools is help them to work closely together to share resources and the talents and experience of the staff in each school. We are wholly committed to improving and enhancing outcomes for children through collaborative working, whilst protecting the unique ethos and identity of each school so that they can serve the children and families of each local community.

We send you our very best wishes. Take care and God bless.



Peter Foskett
LDLT Chair



Canon Richard Noake
LDLT CEO

God of Love,
We thank you for the life of The Queen,
for her service to our nation,
and for her faith in you.
Be close to all of us who mourn,
that we may find comfort and hope in your love,
through Jesu Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.