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11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you regarding the academy order that was issued to St Anne's by the Department for Education approximately 5 years ago. St Anne's will, under my leadership, finally enact this order this academic year. There is a provisional date of 1st May for this to take place pending work with the Regional Schools' Commissioner's office, the Department for Education and our allocated solicitors. This date may move back slightly, but we are moving full steam ahead!

The school ceases to be maintained by Stockport Local Authority once we are an academy. We are joining the Emmaus Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, and will be the first member school. There are funding streams that become available to us that we are already using as a consequence of this - we've held two one-day Maths conferences to support Year 11 and have Chemistry conferences coming up. We have support from a National Leader of Education who advises the school now, as well as a Local Leader of Education who specifically supports our Leadership team in our School Improvement Plan - these are tangible examples of the benefits that enacting our academy order is bringing and will continue to bring to St Anne's.

Lots of rumours can fly around about things like uniform changes, colour updates and myriad other things. No decisions have been made around things like this at the moment - nor will they be without parental and student consultation. This academic year, the only change will be that we will become St Anne's R.C. Voluntary Academy - because particularly at the moment, we don't need "extras" like logo updates distracting from the essentials of school improvement: recruitment drives, additional support for students and curriculum updates amongst many others.

Our next parent/carer forum is on Tuesday, 21st April at 6pm in the Main Hall - this will be a forum dedicated to academisation. All are welcome for a brief presentation followed by an open Question and Answer session.

Yours in Christ



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