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To Parents and Carers of Pupils in the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of Bishop Patrick McKinney. You will know that over the past months, the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi-Academy Trust has been working closely with the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust and that the Trust's CEO has been acting as Interim CEO of the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi-Academy Trust since 1 March 2021.

I am pleased to say that the Department for Education has now approved our request to transfer the majority of the schools in the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi-Academy Trust to the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. The only school from the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi-Academy Trust which will not transfer to Our Lady of Lourdes is English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy in Oakham. This school will be transferring to the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust.

This move represents a natural progression and offers a tremendous opportunity to further enhance the success of our schools in both Trusts. The priorities for all of our schools remain the same; ensuring that your children are safe, happy, cared for and that they benefit from an outstanding Catholic education. For you, as parents / carers of children at schools within the St Thérèse of Lisieux CMAT, things will continue as usual. The staff who work with your children will continue to benefit from wider training and development opportunities associated with being part of a larger Trust.

My understanding is that the schools will be transferring in 'batches' as this is the Department for Education's preferred approach. We will write to you again, once the schools have transferred. It is anticipated that the last batch of schools will transfer on 1 September 2022.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you offer to our schools.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Giorgio
Director of Education

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