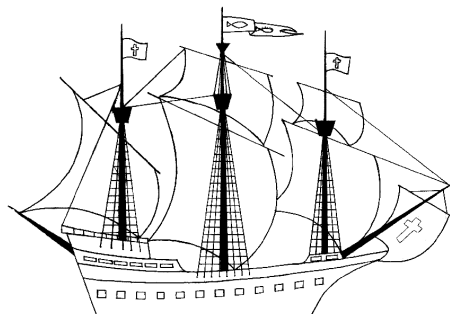

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***'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'
(Galatians 5:22-23)***



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3rd May 2022,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Before the Easter Holiday, the government published its [Schools White Paper](#) which sets out its vision for every school to be part of a family of schools in strong academy trusts. The [Church of England](#) have outlined their support for the White Paper recognising that *"Multi Academy Trusts can be the foundation for fruitful partnerships supporting all pupils to flourish."*

In response to the White Paper, Chester Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) recognises the importance of defining its own academies strategy in order to determine and safeguard the long-term future homes for all 115 church schools in the Diocese, within a MAT structure. The DBE has written to each of its schools, outlining the DBE's ambitions and expectations for how such a structure will be formed. A copy of the DBE's academies strategy is available on our school [website](#).

Going forward, the DBE's strong preference is that its church schools will seek to be part of the Diocesan MAT (CDAT) and this has formed the basis of its academies strategy.

Please find attached a document entitled 'Why CDAT, Why Now' which has been compiled by the governors and brings together some of the key learning from the consultation and information from the Schools White Paper, The Church of England and the DBE. The document will help all stakeholders to understand the context in which governors are working and making decisions.

The governors continue to have additional meetings focused on budget and finance and hope to be in a position in the next few weeks to make an informed decision about whether or not to join CDAT.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

David Burrows
Head Teacher

***'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.'* (Jeremiah 29:11)**