

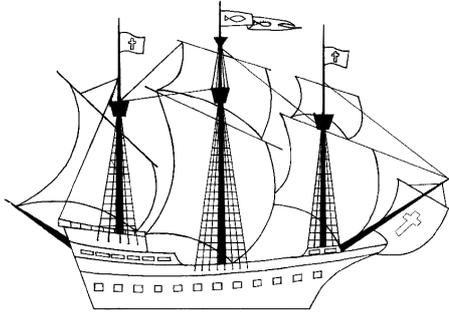
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# Dawpool C.E (Aided) Primary School

*. . . Growing the Fruit of the Spirit*

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the Governing Board of Dawpool Church of England (Aided) Primary School have been investigating the possibility of joining Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT), the multi academy trust (MAT) of the Diocese of Chester.

After careful consideration of the consultation feedback from stakeholders and after undertaking due diligence, we are delighted to inform you that the Governing Board have passed a majority resolution in favour of conversion and have made the decision to proceed with submitting an application to convert to academy status and to join CDAT.

As the education sector moves towards a fully trust-led system over the next few years, we are delighted that Dawpool will be moving into a strong and growing academy trust that is rooted in the Church of England's Vision for Education, retaining, protecting and further enhancing our Church of England context, ethos, culture and distinctiveness for generations to come. As a trust, CDAT has a distinctive ethos that is clearly rooted in Christian values and aims to ensure that all pupils are able to benefit from and enjoy **'life in all its fullness'** (John 10:10), a vision which is closely aligned with our own.

Mr Burrows has shared with all stakeholders a document entitled *'Why CDAT, Why Now'* which brings together some of the key learning from the consultation and information from the Schools White Paper, The Church of England and the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE). This document should help all stakeholders to understand the context in which governors have made their decision. A copy can be downloaded from our [website](#).

We are excited for Dawpool's future as part of CDAT, working together in a strong family of Church schools with a shared common goal, in seeking to provide the very best education for every child. One that enables all children to experience the **'abundant life that Jesus offers'**. We are excited for the new and enriching opportunities that this collaboration will provide, whilst retaining all that is special and unique about our wonderful school.

We will continue to keep all stakeholders informed of progress as we move through the conversion process.

Yours sincerely,

David Burrows  
Head Teacher

Karen Robson  
Chair of Governors

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**'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)