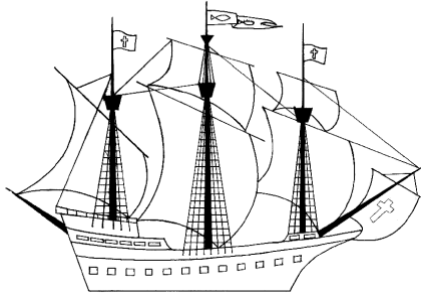

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. . . Growing the Fruit of the Spirit

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



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31st January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dawpool will join Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT) tomorrow, **Wednesday 1st February**.

At the Church of England Education Conference on Friday 27th January 2023, The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP, Secretary of State for Education, said:

" . . . I want you to know how much I really value the role the Church of England plays in educating our children. Its reputation for excellence in schools speaks for itself and you are one of my Department's most valued partners. You provide over a fifth of state-funded schools, a quarter of all primary schools and are the largest provider of Academy trusts . . . put simply, without the Church of England, pupils across the country will be learning less and doing worse. And a big part of that is that you have used the Academy trust model. This is the structure that we think is going to make the biggest difference for our children . . . I want more schools to be in high quality trusts. To support you, we will protect your schools so that when they become Academies, they retain the statutory freedoms and protections that apply to Church schools." (Read the full speech [here](#)).

As the education sector moves towards a fully trust-led system over the coming years, we are delighted that Dawpool will be moving into a strong and growing Diocesan 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.

We are excited for Dawpool's future as part of CDAT, working 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 look forward to the new and enriching opportunities that this collaboration will provide, whilst maintaining our current partnerships, strengthening our relationship with the Diocese of Chester and retaining all that is special and unique about our wonderful school.

Tomorrow morning, we will start the day with an Act of Worship for all the children to mark this special occasion.

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)**