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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to introduce myself to you as the Chief Executive Officer of the new Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust. From 1st September 2018, St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy will be joining together with all the Catholic primary and secondary schools in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This new Trust will provide wonderful opportunities for all the schools to share what they do well and address the areas where they are not as successful.

I have been Headteacher at The Becket School in Nottingham for the last six years and prior to that I was Deputy Head at Christ the King School in Arnold, Nottingham. I have worked closely with the Diocesan Education Service to support improvement work at our Catholic primary and secondary schools and have experience of raising standards at both primary and secondary schools.

The most important element of the new Trust is that it is a Catholic organisation, putting the life and teachings of Jesus Christ at the heart of what we do. Our new community will work together to teach the word of God, to inspire our children and young people to live out their faith and to be active participants in a living faith community.

As St Irenaeus said, "The Glory of God is a human being fully alive." My vision for our new Trust is that all of our children and young adults will be happy, safe and inspired to flourish spiritually, socially and academically so that they can "live life to the full".

As CEO, I will work closely with the Headteachers to support them in ensuring the very best Catholic educations for your sons and daughters. The Trust will be centralising HR and finance work, so that Headteachers can focus on the most important aspects of school life: the Catholic life of the school and the happiness, safety and progress of all pupils.

Although my role does not officially start until September, I am hoping to visit all 21 schools before then, to get to know staff and meet as many of the children and young people as possible. My visits will be to discuss standards of education with Headteachers and Governors, but also to be part of liturgical celebrations and school events such as concerts, shows and awards evenings. I hope to meet as many of you as possible as well!

Yours faithfully

James McGeachie
CEO designate, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust