

St Mary's RC Primary School

'Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'

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Dear parents / carers,

10/12/2021

As you know St. Mary's was due to convert to an academy as part of the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust on 1st October. Due to a legal land issue this was delayed but we now have been informed that the conversion will now take place on 1st January 2022.

I would like to thank our Chair of Governors, Stephen Armstrong, for his support over the couple of years I have been at St. Mary's but also for his many years of service to the school which has been incredible. I would also like to thank Teresa Lumsdon our Vice Chair, for her amazing service on our governing body. A big thanks also goes to Lucy Teasdale and Dr. Marc Briggs for their fantastic support as Parent Governors.

They will not be continuing as we move to a new structure as a governing committee and they will be a great miss. The challenges presented during Covid and academy conversion were unprecedented and I am truly grateful for their work and support, which few people know about but makes a massive difference. No doubt we will face many more changes and challenges from the Trust but we shall endeavour to keep sacred those things we love about our school and that make us unique.

From January 2022 we will no longer be taking payments via Sunderland City Council payment system. We are moving to a new system called Parent Pay. Please see attached newsletter from Parent Pay but note your username and password will be sent to you via **text directly from Parent Pay on Tuesday**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Clephane'.

Mr M Clephane, Headteacher