



'Enabling every child to fulfil his/her potential in a nurturing Christian environment.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Future plans for the school

I am writing to you as Chair of the school's Interim Executive Board (IEB) to provide you with an update regarding the future of our school. As explained upon our establishment on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, the IEB was charged with both supporting school improvement following the Ofsted inspection in January 2019 and with securing the future development of the school. We explained that the options we would be considering were:

- Returning the school to existing governance arrangements
- The possibility of federation with one or more other local schools
- Seeking to join a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)

Having explored all options fully, the conclusion we have come to is that we should seek to join a Multi Academy Trust. This is because we believe this will provide the strongest basis for stability and progress in the longer term. The Church of England status and religious characteristics of the school will remain unchanged.

You may be aware that there are a number of steps involved in this process, including a consultation with yourselves as parents of children in the school and with other stakeholders. This will include seeking the views of current school staff and local Church representatives. We will therefore, provide you with further details about our proposals as this half term progresses, which will include an opportunity to send in written questions and comments. We will also invite you to come along to a **meeting** with representatives of the IEB **on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm** in the school hall.

We look forward to engaging with you further regarding this important step in the future of Utkinton St. Paul's Church of England Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Kent (IEB Chair)