10 June 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you enjoyed a pleasant half term break and Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

On Wednesday 1st June, Hollinsclough C. E. Academy and Manifold C.E. Academy transferred from The Praxis Trust to The Moorlands Primary Federation (TMPF).

TMPF is a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) formed in 2017. However, it started life in 2011 when two small primary schools collaborated for the benefit of the children. Subsequently, the federation (and latterly the MAT) grew to three schools, and then five, and now seven. The seven schools are:

St. Werburgh’s C E Primary School – Kingsley;

Dilhorne Endowed C E Primary School – Dilhorne;

The Valley Primary School – Oakamoor;

Bishop Rawle C E Primary School – Cheadle;

Great Wood Primary School – Upper Tean;

*and of course:*

Hollinsclough C E Academy - Hollinsclough;

Manifold C E Academy - Warslow.

TMPF have one Trust Board which oversees the strategic direction of each of the seven schools. For more details of our Trustees, please view our Trust website, <http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/trust-board/> . TMPF does not have any external financial sponsors and has grown organically over a number of years.

At the heart of all TMPF decisions are our children. Bringing children together to enrich their education is important to our organisation. For example, this week all of the Year 6 children from five of our schools have together gone on a residential trip to an Outdoor Education Centre. We enjoy seeing our children joining with one another for exciting learning opportunities in English and Maths, to play sport, or for the performing arts. During one of the periods of the pandemic, our eldest pupils even met remotely for a Christmas Quiz! Our staff know each other well, as they often experience continued professional development together and meet in teams to share expertise and initiatives and to continue to develop the curriculum.

Five of our seven schools are proudly Anglican and each school has its own identity. As a MAT, we share our Trust values.

**T** – Trust: Trust lies at the heart of all relationships. By trusting in God, we ourselves become trustworthy just as He is. (Psalm 20:7)

**M** – Mindful: Being mindful of others leads to a heart of compassion; compassion leads to a desire to act for the good of all. (1 Peter 3:8)

**P** – Peace: Peace and harmony lead to a stable and secure community where all are nurtured and can flourish. (Matthew 5:19)

**F** – Friendship: Barriers are broken down in a loving, friendly community based around God. (Ecclesiastes 4:10).

TMPF feel blessed to welcome the children, parents/carers, staff and friends of Hollinsclough C E Primary and Manifold C E Primary into the MAT and look forward to building new friendships.

On behalf of The Moorlands Primary Federation,

Nick Chesters Jared Eccles

Chair of the Trust Board Chief Executive Officer