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**Dear Parents/Carers,**

### **Update on Transfer to Chester Diocesan Academy Trust**

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding our planned transfer to the Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT). As you may recall, we previously sought your views on this process. We are pleased to inform you that the consultation period with parents was highly positive across the Rural Church Schools Academy Trust, and we greatly appreciate your engagement and feedback throughout this process. Following this, we received approval from the Department for Education at the end of the autumn term to proceed with the transfer.

As of this week, the official TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment) process has begun. This is a key step in ensuring a smooth transition for all our trust staff and school community and that all involved are fully supported. I can confirm that there is no plan to change the current structure of RCSAT as part of the TUPE process.

We remain on track to formally transfer to CDAT on **1st April 2025**, and we will continue to keep you informed as we progress. At present, all stakeholders, including staff, governors and Directors, have expressed positive views about the transfer, and we are committed to making this a smooth transition for everyone involved.

We appreciate your continued support during this period of change. Our priority remains ensuring the best outcomes for our pupils and maintaining the high standards of education and care that our Rural Church Schools Academy Trust is known for. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement and support.

Yours sincerely,

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