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## Trust Expansion Update

Dear Stakeholders,

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that the Advisory Board has given their full support for the expansion of the Newman Catholic Trust and the applications for St Bonaventure's, St Joseph's and St Patrick's to join the Trust. This significant milestone allows us to move forward with our plans for growth and collaboration.

This decision now triggers a formal process regarding due diligence and stakeholder engagement. These are formal requirements before schools and the Trust formally and finally confirm the legal process of joining.

The different schools have different timelines for joining. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that St Patrick's will be joining the Newman Catholic Trust effective from 1st September. Following this, St Joseph's and St Bonaventure's will join the Trust from 1st January. This staggered integration allows us to manage the transition smoothly, ensure each school's needs are met effectively and provide adequate time for engagement and due diligence.

As part of this process, we will be conducting a formal stakeholder engagement. This will include meetings, regular updates, and opportunities for our stakeholders to share their views and comments on the proposed expansion. Your input and feedback are invaluable to us, and we are committed to making this a transparent and inclusive process. Each school will have different requirements, and we will liaise directly with schools regarding engagement. Therefore, specific details regarding the engagement activities for each school will be provided in due course.

We are optimistic about the future and the positive impact this expansion will have on our community. By bringing together St Patrick's, St Joseph's, and St Bonaventure's under the Newman Catholic Trust, we are confident that we can foster an environment of shared learning, mutual support, and collective growth. We are particularly excited by this expansion as each school brings unique strengths and this is a genuine opportunity for us to shape the future of Catholic education and the Multi-Academy Trust strategy.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. We look forward to working closely with you throughout this exciting journey and will keep you informed of all developments as we progress.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Izuka - Chair of the Board