



23rd June 2023

Dear Colleagues

Re: Changes to governance at All Saints C of E Primary Rangemore, Needwood C of E Primary and Yoxall St Peter's C of E Primary

John Taylor MAT is committed to its local governance model, in which our schools are supported and challenged by local volunteer governors working under the auspices and direction of the John Taylor MAT Board.

This commitment is based upon the conviction that schools are best served when local stakeholders are at the heart of our work to encourage school improvement and to provide assurances that our schools are happy and safe environments in which all children and adults can be successful and can thrive.

To that end, we have been engaging in dialogue with the local governing bodies of both The Forest Family (currently with responsibility for governance at both All Saints C of E Primary Rangemore and Needwood C of E Primary) and Yoxall St Peter's with a view toward consolidating all three schools' governance within the one local governing body. All three schools are part of the Diocese of Lichfield, all three are in rural locations within close proximity of one another, and all three schools are smaller than average primary schools. School leaders and colleagues across the three schools work closely together under the arrangements of John Taylor MAT and its networks.

Consolidation of governance would enhance the opportunity to work even more closely and would make governor succession planning and recruitment more straightforward. It is proposed that the "Forest Family" name will remain but describe arrangements for all three schools as opposed to the two currently contained within it. We anticipate this change will occur from 1st September 2023.

I am writing to you because as colleagues working within these schools, I want to assure you of the continuing representation of your interests on the reconfigured governing body. Staff representatives will continue to be drawn from all three schools as they are now. Indeed, the majority of existing governors from all three schools will be retained in the reconstituted "Forest Family" governing body.

If you would like to hear more about this change, senior colleagues and I will be available to answer questions or receive feedback on 13th July at 3:30 pm at Yoxall St Peter's Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support for our schools.

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

Mike Donoghue
CEO, John Taylor MAT