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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, our school leadership team and Governing Body have spent the last eighteen months discussing the options available to St Anne's and have listened to a variety of presentations from different groups. We believe that the best option for our school is to join The Priory Learning Trust (PLT). This is a relatively new MAT that came into formal existence on 1st August 2016. Initially only Priory School was in the MAT and were then joined by Worle in March 2017. Castle Batch Primary School are hoping to also join PLT in April 2018.

One of the aspects considered by our governing body in making their decision was that it was better for our school, as a strong and successful school, to join a successful MAT and to further embed links with two of the Secondary Schools that approximately 85% of our Y6 children join every year. We already have close links with these schools and by formalising our partnership we will be able to create more exciting opportunities for the children in our care ensuring that the education of our children from 2 ½ up to 16 years will be of the very highest quality. Our proposal for conversion to MAT status is underpinned by a shared commitment to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children and that the individual identity, characteristics and ethos of St Anne's is maintained and strengthened.

Although the partnership will have an overarching name, The Priory Learning Trust, we will keep our own name and will retain much of our independence whilst benefiting from being part of the trust. There will also be opportunities to extend our work together across the MAT, which will benefit the children, staff and communities served by the schools involved both now and in the future.

We would like to invite you to a meeting for all families with representatives from PLT on Monday 5th June at 5.00pm at our West Wick campus, so you can meet members of PLT and ask any questions you may have. We appreciate this is an INSET day, but we are trying to juggle a busy Term 6 diary with the timescale of academy conversion.

I look forward to seeing you on the 5th June. If you cannot be at this meeting and would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Dadds
Head teacher