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Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to look back on what has been a remarkably busy year for all Three Counties Academy Trust (TCAT) schools. Everyone has worked so hard to get the Multi Academy Trust off to a great start, and it is that hard work that has been recognised by the DfE and the Regions Delivery Directorate when they took the decision to name TCAT as the sponsor trust for Stoke Prior Primary School, who will formally join TCAT in the autumn term. From all of the work we have done already with Stoke Prior, and the due diligence process, we can see that they will be a strong addition to TCAT, and we are very much looking forward to working with them and welcoming them to the family of schools.

We also saw Ofsted visit QE very early in spring term, where inspectors found that QE remained a good school in all areas. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone involved in securing that judgement. Inspection is never an easy time for a school, but the qualities within QE were clearly seen and recognised by the inspection team.

We saw further success with the cross-trust entry to the RHS Spring Show School Garden competition at Malvern Three Counties Showground, where all TCAT schools contributed to a wonderful and creative garden that highlighted our schools and trust to the wider public.

Next year sees some exciting developments for TCAT, including a regular newsletter from across the trust. We have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure all of our structures are in place and ready to move forward, as we look to gently grow and develop the trust so that it brings further benefits to the schools and the children we serve. We will be working at trust level next year on a range of priorities to support the schools and children so that they get an excellent educational offer. Our Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies work tirelessly to offer support and challenge to the Executive Leadership of TCAT, their support for our schools is unconditional and a sign of their commitment. We are always looking for volunteers from a range of backgrounds and with varied skill sets, who could have a valuable part to play in moving the trust forward. If you, or anyone you know, has an interest in school governance, be that at a trust level or as a local governor, why not get in touch for a no commitment discussion with one of our Trustees who can let









you know a little more about what it entails, we would love to hear from you. Simply email Mrs Bassett, the trust Governance Professional, on lbassett@tcat.school and she will be happy to put you in touch with a representative of the TCAT Board.

Can I finish by thanking all of the children, staff, and parents for all of their support over this year. Supporting local schools helps us to achieve our core function of providing a high-quality education for the children.

On behalf of myself, TCAT's Executive Leadership and Trustees and Governors, can I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break, and we will see you all upon our return for the new academic year.

With my best wishes.

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Martin Farmer

Executive Headteacher









