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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the first half term I wanted to share with you updates from the centre of our Trust. We are now in the process of reviewing and better understanding how to serve the needs of each individual school. A large part of my role is setting overall Trust strategy, and I have tried to get to know each school and its context over the past seven weeks. Having spent time in our schools what has struck me is the focus on improving provision for our children and young people. We are blessed with dedicated and hard-working staff.

You will be aware that each of our schools still feel the impact of the pandemic and continue to deal with absence and testing protocols. As ever, much of this burden falls on Headteachers and their teams. Please continue to support your local Headteacher in the work that they do. It has not been easy, and I for one am so very grateful to them and their staff for working in these challenging circumstances.

Over the next half term much of our focus will be on framing more clearly our Trust vision and mission. As a Catholic Trust our cornerstone is Christ and the example of service that he has set for us. Our Patron St Teresa lived this example in her own life, and the task we face together is making this explicit across our Trust. In the lead up to Christmas I am keen to meet with parents in each school, and simply listen to your views about our Trust, and how we can work effectively together. These events may take place online or onsite and further details will be shared with you in November.

For parents who are keen to follow the development of our Trust, please do follow my Twitter account @CSEL\_STOC for updates and news from around our organisation.

Please enjoy the week's break, and please remain safe. Your school will look forward to welcoming their children and young people back at the start of the next half term.

Yours faithfully

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