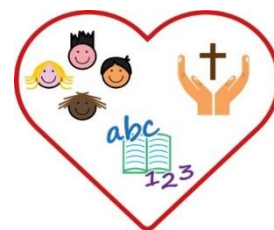


# St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank you for your patience during the recent weeks of disruption whilst work has been going on behind the scenes to try and resolve the dispute that has taken place.

The process of conversion to become an Academy will conclude next week when we formally convert and join Cidari on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We look forward to the next chapter in the life of our school as we work with the Trust to continue the improvement journey for our children and community. The school will remain locally focused and build on its long history serving our community.

Cidari, as the Trust set up by Blackburn Diocese (of which we are already a part) has an excellent track record, acknowledged by the unions, for supporting children, staff and the community. So, there is no change to the uniform, no change to the vision and mission statements, no hidden charges that will be put on to families, no loss of local focus or governance. The things you will notice are the word 'School' being replaced by the word 'Academy'; all other changes will develop as part of the continued improvement of the school experience for you and your children. Cidari prides itself on recognising the distinctiveness and individuality of each Academy and St Matthew's and our community will benefit from being a part of the Cidari family.

Yours,

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