

5th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring term, and I hope that you have had a wonderful celebration of Christmas. It has been good to see our students returning so well after the break, and we look forward to working closely with them as we move into this new year.

I expect to receive our Ofsted report imminently and will be very pleased to share it with you as soon as I have received it. The inspection of St. Edward's as a Church School under Section 48 will take place later this year, though we will get very little notice of the inspection just as is the case with Ofsted. I will look forward to hearing their views about our school.

Following the letter from the Chair of Governors on Tuesday I would like to reassure parents and carers that there is no intention for St. Edward's to join CAST or any other multi-academy trust at this time. In fact, myself and the Governing Body will be aiming to preserve our unique identity and status as a school for as long as we are able to, given the current Government's intended direction of travel. Change can be unsettling, but as Mr Barnett and I continue to work together into the future, myself and the SLT together with our Governing Body, and our brilliant staff team, will be working hard to ensure that our students, and you, experience St. Edward's continuing to go from strength to strength.

With all good wishes for 2023, and I look forward to seeing you in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Antram Headteacher