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Dear Parents,

As many of you know, Holy Cross is part of a Multi-Academy Trust called CAST. We are the only federation within the model and recently a Leadership Review was conducted of the federation.

A final report has been presented to us and it highlights that both schools are operating very well and nothing was seen less than good anywhere. This is a strong endorsement on the excellent work that goes on every day in the schools.

As a federation with The Cathedral School, however, the report stated that we have not made the most of opportunities and CAST have made it clear that we need to be better at working together and sharing expertise.

To this end, it has been decided to create a more cohesive interim leadership model. As Executive Headteacher, I have been working across both schools now for eight years. We are now going to extend this joint role to the Head of Learning position. This means that Mrs Potterton, the Head of Learning here, will take on a wider role as Head of Schools across both The Cathedral School and Holy Cross.

In wanting to ensure that our federation grows stronger quickly, Mr Driscoll will return to The Cathedral School having been at Holy Cross for the last three years. He knows both schools so well and will play a key role in making sure our federation makes the most of all the benefits of working across two schools.

This leaves a vacancy for the Key Stage 1 leader and we are delighted that Mrs King has agreed to become fulltime and take up this role. We are still looking at where all staff and children will be placed for next year and hope to be able to provide more information, as well as another appointment, at a later date. There is still so much of the school year left and all staff are committed to where they are working so hard right now.

This model will offer exciting challenges to us as we look to ensure this new way of leadership and management is strengthened by a team approach. We are committed to building opportunities across the federation and making sure that every child receives the very best education.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Cotter
Executive Headteacher