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Dear Staff Member, Governor, Pupil and Parent / Carer at Alsager Highfields Primary School

We are writing to both introduce ourselves and inform you that The Headteacher Board and Regional Schools Commissioner for the West Midlands (on behalf of the Department for Education), have decided that Alsager Highfields Primary School will convert to academy status and join Alsager Multi Academy Trust (AMAT). This is following the November 2019 Ofsted report, in which the school was judged to be 'Inadequate' and therefore, as per current legislation, would be subjected to a Directed Academy Order and join a multi academy trust.

Several academy trusts expressed an interest in supporting Alsager Highfields and taking the school into their organisation and we are absolutely delighted that AMAT was deemed to be the best sponsor for Alsager Highfields. We were seen to have the necessary expertise, experience and capacity to improve the school. We know Alsager Highfields very well indeed, have worked collaboratively together for many years as part of Alsager Community Trust, geographically we are very close and we are determined to do everything we possibly can to improve your school.

However, I must point out that the conversion and Directed Academy Order of Alsager Highfields to AMAT is dependent upon the successful completion of a full due diligence process that will begin as soon as possible and various other tasks that have to be concluded first. The Regional Schools Commissioner has determined the conversion as a 'Fast Track sponsored route', with an intended completion and opening date of 1st September 2020. Despite the current situation nationally, we will work tirelessly and do everything we can to meet this deadline.

Both the school and AMAT will be in touch regularly with further updates on how the conversion process is going. We will also shortly be sending out two 'Frequently Asked Questions' documents for both staff and parents / carers. There is much to do but we can assure you that we care passionately about your school, about the young people of Alsager and the community as a whole. We are very excited about the future for Alsager Highfields and working in partnership with you all to improve the school and give the children at the school the best possible start in life.

Best wishes

Richard Middlebrook
Executive Headteacher AMAT

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