

## THE DUNSTAN CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how we celebrated the launch of our Trust two weeks ago. We were very blessed to have Father Frank and Deacon Paul celebrate Mass in St Joseph's in Burnham and were joined by our other schools via Teams. It was lovely to share Mass together, sing hymns and have all the schools contributing by reading parts of the Mass. We were also joined on the day by some of our Parish Priests, Mrs Colleen Collett the Director of Schools and Colleges from the Diocese and Mrs Catherine Christie who is the Chair of the Board of the Trustees.

The schools chose how they wanted to celebrate in the afternoon and this varied from art work on the Trust values, to a party, to sending letters and artwork to other schools.

On Monday last week all the year groups had an opportunity to meet each other via Teams, say a quick hello and tell each other about what happens in their class. The Trust bookmarks have arrived and hopefully your child(ren) will bring them home to show you.

Our schools have been focusing on the Trust Vision and Values and each of them have set up a special display somewhere prominent in the school – please come and find them and talk to your children about our values and strapline. I will share the photos of the displays with you when they have been finished.

I have had the pleasure of visiting each of our schools over the last few weeks and have been truly amazed by the hard work and commitment of our teaching staff and the beautiful children in our care. Our Trust is a very special collection of unique schools, each with their own strengths and areas to work on but there is a true sense that together as one family we can be better and stronger than we were on our own.

I look forward to getting to know our wider Trust community over the coming weeks. If you need to contact me about anything I can be reached on the email above.

Thank you all for your continued support.

God bless,

Helen Taylor

CEO The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust