



# MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to announce that after the recent consultation period, the governing body and our headteacher have agreed to move ahead with plans to become an academy and forge a partnership with the Derby Diocesan Academy Trust.

The Trust is made up of 20 primary schools and the newly-created Derby Cathedral School, which will work closely with Murray Park to help each other deliver the best possible education.

This is very exciting news for our school - we made the decision to join a trust which is allied with our own distinctive vision and ethos. We believe that our pupils who will benefit from economies of scale, a strengthening of teaching standards and the sharing of best practice. We also hope that our pupils, who do not have access to post-16 education at Murray Park, will be able to share sixth form provision in future years.

Murray Park will keep its own identity. Our school name will stay the same and our assessment schedules will be unaltered. Coincidentally, we are adding a blazer to our school uniform, but this has nothing to do with becoming an academy.

As we recently retained our 'good' rating from Ofsted after our short inspection, we see the partnership with DDAT as a positive step on our journey to excellence.

Thank you for your support at this exciting time of our development.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Davies'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'P'.

Dr Paul Davies  
Chair of Governors