

19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Community of Holy Cross and Cathedral School of St. Mary

**Re: St Mary of the Cross Federation**

Thank you for the helpful feedback you provided in response to the recent consultation. Almost all parents, staff and governors indicated a preference for Holy Cross and Cathedral School to be run as two separate schools, thereby ending the federation arrangement.

During this consultation period, we have been advertising for a Headteacher for Cathedral St Mary School. We did not want to proceed with separating the schools, unless we were able to appoint an effective Headteacher to lead the school.

I am very pleased to inform you that earlier this week, we appointed Mr Mark Dyson, currently acting Headteacher, to the permanent post. I'd like to thank the governors for their help during the selection process. Kate Griffin, the Diocesan School Commissioner, was also in attendance representing Bishop Mark. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mr Dyson every blessing in his new role.

The remainder of this term will enable us to formalise arrangements to conclude the federation, so that we start the summer term with two separate schools.

Mr Paul Cotter, who led Cathedral St Mary as Executive Headteacher, will make arrangements to have a leaving celebration either before the end of this term or early next term.

Thank you for your on-going support for our two schools which will continue to work together as we develop our collaborative working in clusters.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Friel".

**Raymond Friel**

Chief Executive Officer