

Diocese of Hallam - Schools Together

Newsletter 11th June 2021



Pope Francis said in conversation with Eugenio Scalfari:

“This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good.”

Since the last newsletter we have been ...

1. Carrying out pre-appointment checks for our new **Foundation Directors** - names will be confirmed as soon as possible.
2. The selection panel met to select **CEO applicants** to go forward to the long-listing procedures on 16th June. This will be followed by shortlisting procedures on 21st June and thank you to those Heads and Chairs who have volunteered to take part in this part of the procedure.
3. The CMATs have been named! **St Clare and St Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trusts**.
4. Preparing grant funding bids for the Trust Capacity Fund on behalf of St Clare and St Francis CMATs to support set up and preparation costs.
5. Putting together the project document to access the £100,000 Diocesan Pilot Fund recently announced.

Since the last newsletter you have been ...

1. Developing the **School Improvement Strategy** as part of the work of the theme group. The School Improvement theme Group are now looking forward to presenting their work so far to headteacher colleagues on **Thursday 17th June at 5.00pm**. The group will be seeking feedback following the presentation through a mechanism to be confirmed on the evening. The group looks forward to seeing you all on Thursday!

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJltf-iqrDkvG9yn5ffkctciPM7OwcBnJSF2>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please contact Philip Patterson for any questions about the event.

2. You have been busy during May and June in the Catholic Life and Ethos Theme Group. Over 40 participants have been involved in discussions, drawn from primary and secondary school staff, governors and clergy. Each sub-group met separately to begin with, before a first draft of a blueprint document was discussed with representatives from each. A group from our joint schools also met. This week, the whole group will be meeting to discuss a second document forming the proposals for guidelines for MATs and individual schools.

Coming up ...

- ◆ 17th June 5pm - presentation from School Improvement Theme Group to Headteachers
- ◆ w/c 14th June - meeting of Catholic Life and Ethos Group
- ◆ Longlisting for CEO candidates 16th June.
- ◆ Shortlisting for CEO candidates 21st June.
- ◆ 30th June and 1st July 5.30pm - briefing sessions for St Clare and St Francis CMAT Chairs of Governors and Headteachers - please see email sent 27th May - more details about content and format to follow. Please send your questions in advance!
- ◆ Further guidance on asset inventories following requests from schools
- ◆ Access to Integrated Curriculum and Financial Planning reports via a shared google drive. We will let you know as soon as the mechanism has been tested.

REQUESTS and REMINDERS

Support Urgently Needed: a primary school in Sheffield is in need of support with management accounts and cashflow forecasts - are there any business managers with FMS experience who could offer time? Please contact Cecilia Emery if you could help.

Reminders:

21st June: please submit your questions for the Chair and Headteacher briefing events to Cecilia Emery

28th June: your land and property questionnaires please to Neil Weightman

28th June: budget information should be sent to Phil Curtis

9th July: contract registers to be updated and forwarded to Cecilia Emery

PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR STAFF AND GOVERNORS

The next newsletter will be sent out on Monday 28th June 2021

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Please get in touch whenever you need to.



“The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients.” Pope Francis