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Dear Bishop Ralph Heskett

I am writing to you following the East Midlands and the Humber Advisory Board that was held on 15 December 2021. I am pleased to confirm that I have approved the proposal for the establishment of the St Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust (CMAT) and St Clare CMAT in my capacity as Regional Schools Commissioner.

The Academy Orders will now be issued to the Voluntary Aided schools under the Diocese of Hallam. Whilst we will not be issuing any formal letter to the existing academies within the Diocese of Hallam, please do accept this letter as recognition and approval of the CMATs that will encompass all of the Diocese of Hallam schools.

My team will continue to work with you and your team as we now enter the delivery phase of establishing St Francis CMAT and St Clare CMAT.

Thank you for your continued efforts in steering and supporting this project.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gray / Kate Copley

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