



Statement for Parish Newsletters

Diocese of Hallam Catholic Multi Academy Trusts

Foundation Directors

For some time now, the Diocese of Hallam has been working on a strategic vision for the future of our schools. This vision centres on protecting and developing further the Catholic identity and mission of our schools by ensuring that each one is part of a large Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

This is an exciting initiative for the Diocese and our Schools. It will lead to a transformation in the support that schools receive, increase development opportunities for school staff, support the development of future catholic school leaders and have a positive impact on the future of Catholic Education in the Diocese.

Within the Trusts our schools will retain a local governing body, the Academy Committee, which will continue to be charged with overseeing the Catholic Life of the school and standards.

However, each Trust will also require a strong board of directors made up of people with skills in a wide range of areas who are willing to represent me in ensuring that the Trust complies with its legal and canonical duties to preserve and develop its Catholic character.

Our two new Catholic Multi Academy Trusts will be opened in early 2022 and will be named shortly. I am seeking to recruit foundation directors both now and in the lead up to 2022 into this important new role so that they are able to begin to support the Diocese in the many areas of work which must be completed prior to the opening of the Trusts.

The role of the Directors of the new CMAT Boards in overseeing the development of the CMATs will be hugely important. The role will be challenging but the rewards in terms of seeing the CMATs being successful will be great. We are looking for people who are committed to making a difference. The role of Director is wide ranging but rest assured the Diocese will ensure that training and support is provided.

Information on the role of a director within the Catholic Multi Academy Trusts will be available from 22nd April 2021 on the MAT Development page of the Diocese of Hallam website together with an application form.

Please do read that information and if, after doing so, you wish to be considered for the role of foundation director, please complete the application form and return it to the Diocese of Hallam Schools' Department at the address stated on the form **and by Wednesday 12th May**.

Should you wish to know more about the role or have some specific questions to ask, please contact Clare Thorpe at the Schools' Department whose contact details can be found on the application form.

Right Rev. Ralph Heskett

Bishop of Hallam