

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing with some updates and exciting news.

### Footwear

Thank you for your support with our new footwear policy. Of the 870 students at Paulet, only 30 arrived to school in the wrong footwear and most of them have already put it right.

### Perimeter Fence

As I begin my sixth year as Headteacher at Paulet, I have finally managed to secure the funding for a much needed perimeter fence for our sports field. Starting in early October, the fence will be erected from the yard to the bridleway and then along the length of the field. It will secure our field and prevent members of the public trespassing, seemingly at will, with their dogs. Every morning our caretakers do a field check and regularly find 'dog deposits'.

### School expansion

I am sure some of you will have seen, in the local paper, that plans are in place to expand our school by two forms of entry. This has been a proposal for a number of years and it is now becoming a reality with the building and associated outdoor spaces to be complete within three to four years...more news to follow!

### The John Taylor MAT

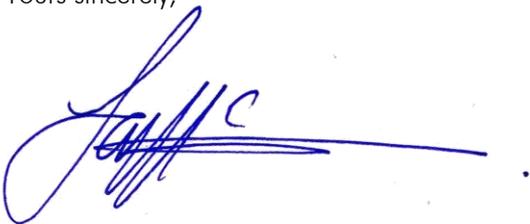
Parents will be aware that we have been in consultation to convert to an academy and join the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust. I am delighted to announce that we got our 'Academy Order' on the 11<sup>th</sup> July and we are now working to a date of 1<sup>st</sup> of November as the day we convert. This is very exciting news for the school; I will write with more details in due course.

### 2019-20 Training Days

Finally I would like to give you advance warning that we intend to, this year only, close the school for an additional training day on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020. This is a national teacher day and we will be involved in the JTMat training all day. Colleagues will be taking part in training events with colleagues from the other High schools in the JTMat namely John Taylor High School, The John Taylor Free School and Kingsmead School. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our staff.

Thank you for our ongoing support of our school community and, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

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