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SIR JAMES SMITH'S
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Colleagues,

Re: North Cornwall Learning Trust (NCLT)

I am writing to let you know the Regional Schools Commissioner has given us the go-ahead to set up a cross-phase MAT; our Academy Orders arrived last week. In the initial phase the NCLT will include 5 schools, they are: Camelford, Otterham, St Breward, St Teath and Sir Jim's.

We are hoping to convert on or before 1st October 2018 which means we will be conducting due diligence checks and completing all preparatory work over the next three months or so. During this time Michele Bacchus and I will be stepping back from day-to-day responsibilities at Sir Jim's. Kristien Carrington will be the main point of contact for any matters relating to Sir Jim's during the summer term. Kristien has been appointed by governors as Interim Headteacher from 1st September 2018 following my retirement at the end of this academic year.

As you are aware, it is recommended and normal practice that the CEO of a newly formed MAT is a serving headteacher. I expressed an interest in the role and this was supported by my headteacher colleagues. The process was overseen by Michelmores. Since then I have been leading on the development of the MAT during the application stage and development phase. If you have any queries about the NCLT please contact me on my SJS email account. To find out more about the NCLT please visit the school's website.

The RSC is keen for us to grow once the MAT is established and up and running. They support our vision for an expanded MAT in the North Cornwall region and our desire to keep funding for North Cornwall pupils in our local schools rather than that funding subsidising established MAT leadership teams located elsewhere in Cornwall or beyond.

You are welcome to attend any of the public consultation events; please see the website for dates and venues.

Yours faithfully,

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