

Statement for parents

The St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, as the responsible body for determining the arrangements for admissions within St Thomas More, is Issuing the following statement to the community of St Thomas More:

St Thomas More School is part of both the family of schools that feed Into St Paul's Catholic School and more importantly part of the provision of Catholic education within the Diocese of Nottingham. As such its first responsibility in all matters is to the Catholic community In terms of educational provision and consequently it has a direct responsibility In safeguarding the continuity of Catholic educational provision within south and east Leicester and Leicestershire. Thus it is one of the named feeder schools for St Paul's Catholic School and has been since that schools establishment in 1977.

It has been the desire of the Diocese and the Catholic community of south and east Leicester to ensure that Catholic families are able to send their children to Catholic schools throughout their educational life. That is why these schools are provided. It is therefore, Inappropriate for St Thomas More to be linked as a feeder school with any other school. It is the responsibility of the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust not only to ensure that its schools are places of excellence but also that all Catholic education within the area is protected and supported for the long-term benefit of Catholic families

The Directors of the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust understand that parents, as the first educators of their children, have the right to choose whatever school they feel appropriate for their children Parents have always been able to apply for places in any local state school or academy, and this ability remains unchanged. However, all these local state schools have their own feeder primaries (and in the past high schools) with which they too have developed special relationships.

We are delighted that the exam results, progression, experiences and final destinations of former St Thomas More students at St Paul's have all been at exceptionally high levels for many years, up to and Including 2016.

We hope that all parents will continue to support the excellent family of Catholic schools in south and east Leicester. Our schools are here for the long-term future of our Catholic families and continued and committed support is necessary for this to be guaranteed.

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