Dear Parents / Carers,

**Nottingham Schools Trust (NST)**

It is becoming increasingly important for our city schools to work together on a whole range of projects and activities at a time when the national educational landscape continues to change, when expectations placed on our children and teachers have never been higher and at a time when school budgets face severe reductions. At the same time, the Local Authority Education Department has a reduced ability to challenge and support schools effectively.

In order to continue to challenge, support and secure the necessary improvements in our schools, Head Teachers, Local Authority Officers and Councillors  have spent the last 12 months developing the Nottingham Schools Trust  (NST) proposal which aims  to launch itself as of September 2017. Following a recent recruitment process, our current Directors of Education Pat and Sarah Fielding, have been appointed to the post of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Each Member school will nominate a representative and together with a Member elected Board of Trustees will challenge and support the CEO to ensure the NST fulfils its ambitions on behalf of our children and families

We are pleased to be able to announce that our Governing Body, alongside 29 maintained primary schools and stand-alone academies in the City of Nottingham have committed to the Trust.

NST is not an Academy Trust but a company limited by guarantee and with charitable status. It will be a Trust run by and for our schools where every school has a voice in the decision making process. More importantly, it is unlikely that as a parent or pupil you will notice any significant change to the way we work as the Trust values the diversity, which exists in each of our schools and actively encourages each member school to maintain and further develop its own distinctive culture and identity.

We are very excited at the prospect of working with the Trust to ensure its underlying intentions to collaborate, participate and respond to the needs of children across the City of Nottingham are met.

If you have any questions regarding the NST, feel free to speak to myself, or one of Heads of School, Julia Dickens or Gareth Hicks.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Fullwood

Executive Head Teacher