COMPASS FEDERATION

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share some important and positive news about the future of our three schools.

Following many months of discussions, consultation and careful consideration, we have now received formal Academy Orders from the Department for Education (DfE), allowing St Paul's, St Edmund's and Dunton Green to move forward with joining MAST.

We are now working towards a planned conversion date of 1 April 2027.

A new chapter for our Federation
Compass Federation has always been built on the principle that schools are stronger when they work together. Over the years, our three schools have benefited from shared leadership, expertise and a collective commitment to providing the very best education for our children.

Joining MAST is a natural next step in that journey.

It will allow our schools to become part of a wider family, bringing additional resources, expertise and opportunities while maintaining the individual character, values and community relationships that make each of our schools special.

For our children, this means greater opportunities to learn, grow and flourish. For our staff, it means access to wider professional development, collaboration and support. For our schools, it means greater capacity to continue improving and responding to the needs of our communities.

What will change for families?
For parents and children, day-to-day school life will continue as normal. Our schools will retain their names, identities and values, and our dedicated staff will continue to provide the education and care that families know and value.

Our commitment remains to ensuring that every child receives the best possible education in a safe, nurturing and ambitious environment.

What happens next?
There is still important work to complete before 1 April 2027, including the legal and operational arrangements. We will keep parents informed throughout this process and provide opportunities to ask questions as we move towards conversion.

As governors, we are confident that joining MAST represents a positive and exciting future for all three schools. It builds on the strengths of Compass Federation while opening the door to new opportunities for our children, staff and communities.

I would like to thank our school leaders, staff, governors and families for their continued support throughout this process.

We look forward to this next chapter together.

Best wishes,

David Strachan
Chair of Governors
Compass Federation

One Child
One Chance