

2 May 2024

### Extra Inset Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are all well.

I am writing to you about Inset Days. These training and development days are vital for ensuring our staff remain well trained in the most effective strategies and approaches to help our pupils make the most of their talents. Inset days are also used to ensure that all staff are fully up to date with the many areas of compulsory compliance training such as safeguarding, GDPR (data protection) and health and safety.

In order to support our hardworking, committed staff body we will be introducing an extra Inset Day at the start of the school year from September 2024. This will help ensure that staff across our Trust schools are fully updated on compliance training but also have enough opportunities at the start of the year for training to help them deliver an outstanding Catholic education for all pupils.

Therefore, the academic year 2024-25 at St. Bernadette's will start as follows:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – Inset day 1

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 – Inset day 2

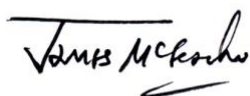
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – First day back for pupils.

Please note that the pupils' first day back at school is therefore one day later than previously announced, and this change has been reflected on the 'Term Dates' section of the academy website.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly, as we know how valuable time in school is for pupils of all ages. We do, though, believe that this extra investment in training and development time at the start of the year will support staff and therefore your child/ren.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continuing support for our schools.

With prayers and best wishes,



**James McGeachie**  
CEO, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

