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Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to teaching your child within the St James and Emmanuel Academy Trust which currently is responsible for three schools: St Wilfrid's CE, Didsbury CE and West Didsbury CE. Last year our Trust School's had a number of joint ventures of which we are very proud. Children from all three schools painted our Bee-longing, Bee-lieving, Bee-coming Bee as part of the 'Bee in the City' learning programme. Our bee is currently on display in Didsbury library – it is well worth a visit!

We also hosted a Key stage 2 inter sports competition, involving hockey and football at St Wilfrid's CE. We are looking forward to far more inter school sports activities this year and West Didsbury CE joining in, as they now have Year 3 children.

To support improving outcomes for children, we organised numerous joint staff meetings and training days which involved moderating children's work, sharing planning, planning together and book scrutinies. These activities supported teaching and learning in maths, writing, reading and RE, along with training days on how to improve outcomes for your children.

This year we are looking forward to developing forest schools further at St Wilfrid's CE and West Didsbury CE (which Didsbury CE will be able to access). We also intend to further develop our joint activities to improve teaching and learning.

Our Trust is clearly highly regarded within the Manchester Diocese as we have another school, St Hilda's CE in Trafford keen to join us. Our Directors are currently carrying out due diligence procedures to see what benefits St Hilda's CE joining our Trust would bring to our three schools.

We will keep you informed of all the Trust developments through the year.

Yours sincerely

Matt Whitehead.