

1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

FAO: Parents/Carers  
St Mark's Church of England School

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Welcome to The Prospect Trust**

I am delighted to confirm that, after more than a year of discussions, planning and legal processes, St Mark's Church of England School has now converted to academy status and joined The Prospect Trust as of Monday 1st September 2025. This is one of the most significant milestones in the school's long history.

Given how closely the school and Trust have worked together over the past year, especially through the partnership with Frimley Church of England School, this new status will not result in any sudden dramatic changes. However, I am delighted that the school will now be able to fully engage in the Trust's collaborative family of schools and benefit from all that this partnership offers, as well as contributing to the fulfilment of the Trust's mission<sup>1</sup> and vision<sup>2</sup>. Our commitment is to ensure that St Mark's continues to improve, building on its many existing strengths, so that it becomes one of the very best Church of England primary schools in the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been part of the academisation process. That includes governing body members, representatives from the Diocese, DfE and Hampshire County Council as well as TPT Trustees and colleagues and St Mark's staff.

With very best wishes



**Andy Yarrow**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

<sup>1</sup>To enable all of our learners to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their communities.

<sup>2</sup> To provide outstanding education within a collaborative family of schools, driving academic excellence, inclusion and opportunity for all.