



10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: 'Finham Park MAT – An inaugural World Class Schools Multi Academy Trust'

The World Class Schools network supports strong learning institutions, be they standalone schools or MATs. With over 120 schools in the network, they support non-selective, state institutions that develop student characteristics proven to impact positively on achievement. In order to show commitment to a hybrid education economy, they are rolling out a brand-new accreditation programme accrediting MATs as World Class, a process which runs alongside the individual school accreditation process. They do not define 'World Class' through platitudes but stick to what we all know and what has long been proven; that it is the quality of the students that count in determining the quality of the institution that serves them: indeed it is 'World Class students that make World Class Schools.'

They are working, in the first instance, with eight MATs across the country, that not only exhibit a tremendous diversity in the way they operate, but also have the consistency of developing the characteristics of children and young people. They have asked Finham Park Multi Academy Trust (FPMAT) to be one of the eight.

Finham Park School has been a World Class School since the organisation's inception in 2017 and has undergone the accreditation process successfully four times since then, both at national and international levels. The school is therefore very excited to be working with two other schools within our MAT throughout this process: Lyng Hall School and Finham Primary School.

The World Class Schools organisation says:

*We are delighted to announce the rollout of our multi academy trust accreditation. This is an exciting development for us as a charity, whose mission is to support students to become World Class and flourish in an ever-changing global economy. To this end, we are accrediting multi academy trusts as World Class according to the quality of their students. This is in line with our individual school accreditation which assesses the students not the school to determine whether the school deserves our World Class Schools Quality Mark.*

*The multi academy trusts that are leading our rollout all contain a school that has been deemed by us to be World Class, and all provide consistently World Class opportunities for the students from entry to exit. Our inaugural MATs are diverse, innovative and unique in their setup. They are different sizes, religious, non-denominational, some are all-through, and some are primary only. Their consistency is that the student is their focus. They span the country because we know that students have the capacity to be World Class wherever and whoever they are, and our inaugural MATs know that too.*

*It is important to state that not all schools in our accredited World Class MATs are necessarily Ofsted 'outstanding;' it is our opinion that a World Class MAT consists of, and supports, schools that ebb and flow in their development, but regardless, maintain opportunities for their students to be World Class.*

***"We do not believe there is an accreditation like ours of MATs in this country, and we are proud to be ahead of the curve. Our charity champions non-selective state schools and the students who attend them. We are delighted that this new accreditation process gives us another way to celebrate and promote the best educational practice in the country, and the World Class students who benefit from it."*** Miranda Perry, Director, WCSQM.

Yours faithfully,

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(Headteacher)