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Dear Parents and Carers

Ryhall Church of England Primary School

We are writing to let you know that the Secretary of State for Education has approved the submission for Ryhall to become an Academy with effect from 1 October 2014. The school will continue to be a Church of England School sponsored by Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET), supported by Casterton Business and Enterprise College.

PDET is a multi-academy trust set up by the Diocese to offer support and services to schools. Its constitution and Funding Agreement reflects the Christian ethos of our schools. We currently have 8 schools with academy orders to be part of PDET and a further 5 schools where the governing body has passed a resolution to join. The Church of England has a long and proud history of involvement in education and 80% of our schools across the Diocese are rated as good or better by Ofsted. We are committed to working with all stakeholders to continue to improve outcomes for our children.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Victoria Crosher as Executive Headteacher of Ryhall Primary School. Many of you know Mrs Crosher as Principal of Casterton Business and Enterprise College which is rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Mrs Crosher will build on and further develop the excellent work of the Acting Headteacher Mr Ian Toon, who is leaving the school at the end of the term to take up a promotion at a school in Leicestershire. Huge strides have been made in the short time Ian has been in charge of the school and his strong leadership has helped the school to move forward significantly.

Casterton Business and Enterprise College, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, is a successful and popular 11-18 school and leads an outstanding childcare centre which some parents may be familiar with. It has a strong presence in the local community and is looking forward to taking the school on to future success. There are many ways in which the facilities, personnel and resources of Casterton can support Ryhall in the next stage of its journey to 'Outstanding'.

It is likely that in the day-to-day running of the school parents will see very little change created by the move to Academy status; however, we would like to invite you to an informal meeting with representatives from the Diocese, the governors and from Casterton on June 17th at 5pm at Ryhall CE School where any questions you may have can be answered.

Yours sincerely,



Miranda Robinson
(Diocesan Director of Education)



Victoria Crosher
(Exec. Head)



Ian Toon
(Acting Headteacher)