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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, the Academy is fully committed to working closely with parents and carers and as you are key stakeholders in your child's education, it is vital that you feel fully engaged with us at St. Mark's. The PACT group (Parents and Community together) was launched last year and it was a great opportunity to hear from you directly and enable us to collaborate to support our young people.

The first meeting of the new academic year will take place on **Thursday 9 November 2017 4.30pm-5.30pm** and we would like to invite all parents to attend. Berenice, one of our PACT group members and mother to a year 9 student explains why joining the group will enable you to feel like you are able to make a difference and support your child by getting more involved in the Academy;

"When your child is in primary school you get to pick them up and drop them off every day. You get to meet other parents and teachers, so you feel you know what is going on in their school. When they start secondary school it can feel so different, as if you have no involvement whatsoever. However that does not have to be the case. We all want our children to succeed and be the best they can be, we can support them with this and be a part of the school as it helps and encourages them to be the best they can be. The PACT meeting is for everyone and it would be great if you could come along. I'm a parent just like you, working full time and with a younger child at primary school. The more parents who get involved the more we can do for the school and our children."

The first meeting will be looking at our key priorities for the year ahead and discussing how we can work more closely with our Governors. It was wonderful to work with so many parents last year and would be fantastic to get more parents involved. If you are able to join us for the meeting, please could you inform the main office by calling or emailing on school@stmarksacademy.org.uk by Wednesday 8 November 2017.

If you would like any further information in the meantime, please do feel free to contact Lucy Brown who will be leading the meeting by emailing <u>LBrown@stmarksacademy.org.uk</u>

I look forward to working with you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Peterkin **Principal**











