

September 2nd 2020

Dear Parents /Guardian (s),

In partnership with our Governors, we have agreed to progress with working in a collaboration with other Catholic Schools within a Diocesan Academy structure. Such an arrangement is known as a Multi-Academy Company (MAC). Our ambition is to join the established St Teresa of Calcutta MAC, which currently consists of two Catholic Secondary Schools and one Catholic Primary School. Two additional Catholic Primary Schools have made the same decision to progress towards joining this MAC and are currently replicating all of the preparation work that we are doing. At this time, we feel that this move to academy status will greatly enhance the educational opportunities and potential of all our young people.

A key part of this progression is to ensure that we hear all of the views of our key stakeholders and in particular those of parents and guardians. We are formally consulting with parents, parishioners, members of the local community and staff from the 2nd September to the 30th September 2020.

Safety procedures in response to Covid19 has prohibited the opportunity for us to invite you into school as a collective group to receive additional details. However, if you would like to hear more information and to express your views, we will be providing you several alternative opportunities to do so. Please contact school and arrange to speak with the Headteacher if you would like to arrange a meeting regarding this move forward to becoming an academy. Likewise, if you would be interested in being part of a virtual webinar using the 'Zoom' platform, please contact school to express an interest and this can be arranged. This will take place towards the end of this process and further details will be provided where appropriate. An additional '*Parent Consultation Information*' document is available on the school website and a paper copy can be provided upon request.

At any stage during the consultation process you can submit your views in writing to the Headteacher or by email to:

MACconsultation@holytrc.bham.sch.uk

All of your views will be acknowledged and all questions will receive a response.

Yours Sincerely,

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