

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Catholic Academy Trust Consultation

Before the Easter break the Governor Newsletter gave an update on the work being carried out by the Governing Bodies of St Rose's and St Cuthbert Mayne to explore and investigate the opportunities of academisation for both schools.

The Governors of St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School, along with St Rose's, have now taken the decision to initiate the consultation process regarding the acquisition of academy status and joining a Catholic Academy Trust with our partner Catholic schools in the Deanery.

This letter is to inform you of the consultation, which opens on Monday 25th September 2023 and closes on Friday 20th October 2023.

A consultation does not mean we have taken a final decision to convert to an Academy, but that we wish to seek the views of all our community to inform the final decision. To support you in developing your knowledge and understanding of what is involved in becoming an academy we have prepared a questions and answers consultation leaflet which will be available from 25th September 2023 on the school's website at -

<https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/cat-consultation>

Included in the leaflet is a response sheet / questionnaire which we strongly encourage you to complete and return to us by 20th October 2023 in order that your opinions are considered as part of the consultation process. You can also email this back to the school at admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk. There is also a Google Form version of the questionnaire which can be completed. If you would like a hard copy of anything please contact the school office. Please also return any completed hard copies of the response sheet / questionnaire to the school office and by the deadline stated above.

To further support your participation in the consultation we invite you to attend an information session with school leaders and governors. The meeting will include a presentation about what joining the Catholic Academy Trust would mean for the school, and it is another opportunity to ask questions.

We anticipate the meeting will last for approximately 60 minutes, commencing at 6.00pm on Thursday 5th October 2023.

If you wish to take part in the consultation meeting please email the school at admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk (or write to us if you prefer) including the subject 'parents' consultation'.

We look forward to speaking with you at the meeting and to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Maria Butchart
Chair of Governors

Mr A Sallis
Headteacher