

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Colleagues,

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 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 and closes on Friday 20th October.

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. If you would like a hard copy of anything please let me know.

To further support your participation in the consultation we invite you to attend an information session with myself and the Chair of Governors. The meeting will include a presentation about what the proposed 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 15:45pm on Thursday 5th October 2023.

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