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OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School - Academy Status consultation

In April 2012 the Diocese of Birmingham established the principle of a model of partnership working between clusters of schools, the Multi-Academy Trust model, in which Catholic Schools could convert to Academy status whilst safeguarding their distinctive Catholic ethos and ensuring that no school in the Diocese would be left in a vulnerable position.

Having considered the Birmingham Diocesan guidance, and having received Diocesan approval, the Governing Body of Our Lady of Fatima School wish to consult you on the proposal to formalise the already strong partnership working with other Catholic Schools by coming together to establish a Catholic Schools Multi Academy.

Over recent months the schools have been working closely together and all of the named schools are now ready to consult with stakeholders. In considering conversion to academy status the over-riding concerns of the Governing Bodies are to ensure that our schools continue to provide the best standard of education and continue to care for our pupils, to preserve the Catholic ethos within our schools and to continue to serve our wider Catholic communities. Therefore, your views are important to us and we are keen to know them.

Consultation will run from Monday 24th February to Friday 28th March 2014 and a copy of our Consultation Document has been sent out with this letter. General information about Academies and conversion to Academy status can be found on the DfE and CES websites:
<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/typesofschools/academies>
<http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/academies>

We are holding the following questions and answers consultation forums:

Tuesday 25th February 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm at:

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School, Birmingham

St Ambrose Catholic Primary School, Kidderminster

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stourbridge

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Brierley Hill

St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School, Stourport on Severn

Monday 3rd March 7 pm – 8 pm at Hagley High Catholic Secondary School

As well as using the forums you can e-mail your views to our school's enquiry email address – enquiry@olfatima.bham.sch.uk or alternatively write directly to Mr. K. Wilcox, Academy Conversion Manager c/o Hagley High Catholic School.

Yours in Christ

Chair of Governors, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School