



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



18th September 2015

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Friends,

Consultation Regarding A Proposed Multi Academy Trust

Following this recent communication from the Diocese of East Anglia's Director of Schools, Julie O'Connor and under the direction of Bishop Alan Hopes, St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School is opening consultation to consider forming a Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) with other schools in our Diocese.

It is proposed that the following schools will be part of the Catholic Academy Trust:

- *St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Norwich*
- *St Benet's Catholic Primary School, Beccles*
- *St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Bungay*
- *St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, Norwich*
- *St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Lowestoft*
- *St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School, Gorleston*
- *Notre Dame High School, Norwich*

You are invited to attend an information event to find out more. The events are being hosted in three locations:

- Tuesday 29th September at 6:30pm at St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School, Gorleston
- Wednesday 30th September at 6:30pm at St Benet's Catholic Primary School, Beccles
- Thursday 1st October at 7:30pm at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, Norwich

With regard to this proposal the Governors of St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School are very supportive of forming a MAT and working with the other schools. Governors have considered the pros and cons and have agreed that in forming this MAT it provides the best opportunities for securing and developing Catholic Education in this region.

It is also important to explain how becoming a MAT would affect current and prospective children, staff and parents of our school. I'd like to reassure you that the current school name, uniform, structures, admissions, conditions of service for staff and employment rights etc. that currently exist are protected and will not change. This proposal to develop a MAT is simply the next progression within the cluster of schools and is designed to benefit not just St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School but all the other Catholic Schools in the Diocese.

In order to fully inform and reassure all parties regarding the MAT we are undertaking this consultation, which will run from September 18th until October 9th. We have created a bespoke email for questions and clarifications: consultationeastanglia@gmail.com. Additionally Mrs Long is always happy to speak with any interested parties and can be contacted via the school email office@st-marys-pri.norfolk.sch.uk.

The Governors and Leadership Team are excited about the next step in working closely with Catholic schools, under the direction of the Diocese and welcome your thoughts and involvement as we create this new Multi Academy Trust for Catholic schools.

Yours Faithfully, and on behalf of the Governing Body

Mrs V Long
Headteacher