



# St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

*Journeying Together in Faith*



4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Earlier this term we consulted with yourselves and the wider school community about the possibility of our school converting to become an Academy as part of a Catholic Multi Academy Trust now titled; *St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust*.

It is proposed that the following schools would be part of this 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*

Our Governing Body have been discussing this possibility over the course of more than a year and have given much time to consider every aspect related to this decision, including consultation with all stakeholders. The consultation meetings and email responses gave us greater insight into your views and queries.

It was especially good to hear the desired outcomes parents and carers had for this proposed formal partnership of our schools. A Frequently Asked Questions list has been updated including discussion points that arose from the consultation and can be found on the school's website. Careful consideration especially has been given to ensuring that any decision that is made, holds the best interests of our children at heart and, in addition, that it will benefit not just our school but all the other Catholic schools in the Diocese.

Recently all Governing Bodies of the schools listed above have met to make their final decision about proceeding with this route. At the recent meeting of the Governing Body of our School, held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 it was resolved to proceed with joining the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

As the Academy conversion process continues we shall be in touch with you again to keep you informed. As always, if you have any further queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Yours Faithfully, and on behalf of the Governing Body

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