



Friday, 12 June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: Catholic Academy Trusts – A Diocesan Family of Schools

In February 2018, Bishop Marcus set out the vision for Catholic Education in the Leeds Diocese with the intention of all schools joining one of the five families of academy trusts. At Holy Family, we have always worked closely with the other schools in the Leeds Diocese and recognise that being part of a Trust would create even stronger collaborative partnerships and financial ‘economy of scale’. It would also ensure strategic and structural solidarity, securing the future of Catholic education for your children in the Diocese of Leeds.

Our school has been invited to join the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust. This BKCAT family of twelve schools is already an established trust, including two secondary schools. Over the year, we have been working with the Trust to discuss and plan the way forward, establishing a relationship built on a shared vision, trust and integrity. They have welcomed us to take part in their Governor and Headteacher meetings, Trust discussions and joint planning with the other schools. This has given us a true insight into how they work and their strong ethos and identity. They feel excited and blessed to have the opportunity to increase their capacity to include the Selby and Goole Catholic schools.

We now seek to progress our application to the conversion stage to become an academy around October 2020.

As part of this process, we are formally consulting with our parents, students and our community to provide a further opportunity for you to make comments or ask questions.

‘Frequently Asked Questions re; Catholic Academy Trusts’ together with ‘A Vision for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Leeds’ outlining the Bishop’s Vision and the role of Multi-Academy Trusts in the Diocesan Family of Schools, are available to view on the school website under ‘Our School, Academy Consultation’. We have also included an information PowerPoint which includes details of how you can take part in the consultation remotely and hopefully reassures you on some frequently asked questions. <http://www.holyfamilycarlton.org/academy-consultation/>

There is also more general information about academies on the DfE website: <http://www.education.gov.uk/academies>

The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust also has its own website: <http://www.bkcat.co.uk>

If you are unable to reply electronically, we welcome any comments you may have and these may be sent to us in writing to:

The Holy Family Catholic High School,
Longhedge Lane,
Carlton,
Goole,
DN14 9NS

Or by email to: consult@holyfamilycarlton.org

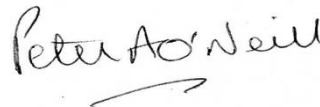
The consultation period runs from **Monday 15th June 2020** until **Monday 13th July 2020**.

The closing date and time for comments is **5pm on Monday 13th July 2020**.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Mitchell
Headteacher



Mr P A O'Neill
Chair of Governors