

St. Bernadette Catholic Primary School, London Colney



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25th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Catholic Academy Trust Consultation

As you may recall from our last communication, the governors of St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School 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 informing you of the consultation, which opens on Monday 25 September and closes on Friday 20 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 today on the school's website at -

https://www.stbernadette.herts.sch.uk/web/academy_consultation/663519

Included in the leaflet is a response sheet / questionnaire which we strongly encourage you to complete and return to us by **20 October 2023** in order that your opinions are considered as part of the consultation process. You can also email this back to consultation@stbernadette.herts.sch.uk. If you would like a hard copy of anything please contact the school office. Please also return any completed hard copies of the response sheet / questionnaire to the school office and by the deadline stated above.

To further support your participation in the consultation we invite you to attend an information session with school leaders and governors. The meeting will include a presentation about what joining the 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 **6pm on Wednesday 11th October 2023.**

If you wish to take part in the consultation meeting please email the school at consultation@stbernadette.herts.sch.uk (or write to us if you prefer) including the subject 'parents' consultation'.

We look forward to speaking with you at the meeting and to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Turton and Jane Williams
Co-Chairs of Governors

S Lavelle-Murphy and J Reilly
Co-Headteachers