



Dear Parents

RE: Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust – A Diocesan Family of Schools

You may have already seen Bishop Marcus Stock's Vision for Catholic Education and his wish that all our Catholic schools become academies and join one of the five Catholic Multi Academy Trusts in the Leeds Diocese. We already work closely with the twelve schools in the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust which is our local Catholic Trust. Being formally part of this Trust will benefit all our children and their schools by creating stronger collaborative partnerships with one another in one family. It will ensure strategic and structural solidarity, securing Catholic education for your children in the Diocese of Leeds for the future and also within our local geographical area.

Responding to this, we have had meetings with Diocesan officers, with staff from the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust (BKAT) and with all our governors. We now want to let you know what is happening as further progress has been made with regard to this development.

Following approval by the Full Governing Board, an application was made to commence the academisation process with the view to becoming an academy in October 2020. St. Mary's Catholic Primary School was then issued with an academy order by the Secretary of State in March 2020. In accordance with the requirements of the Academies Act 2010, the governing body now has to undertake a formal consultation with the school community to provide an opportunity for you to make comments or ask questions.

In order to help you, our Frequently Asked Questions on 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, is available to view on the school website:

<http://www.st-marys-selby.n-yorks.sch.uk>.

Further information is available on the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust website:

<http://www.bkcat.co.uk>.

There is also more general information about academies on the Department for Education (DfE) website:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/academies>.

We would welcome any comments and questions you may have. These may be sent in writing to:

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If you prefer you may send comments and questions by email to:

consultation@st-marys-selby.n-yorks.sch.uk.

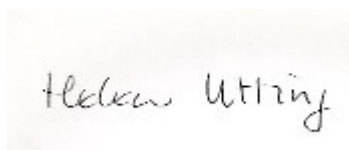
The consultation period runs from Wednesday 3rd June until 5pm on Wednesday 8th July 2020.

Governors will review all comments and questions at their meeting in July 2020. We will keep you informed on all progress in relation to this development.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher



Chair of Governors