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Dear Parents and Carers,

Consultation on Academisation and Joining Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust

I am writing to inform you of the decision of the Governing Body of The Federation of St. Elphege's and Regina Coeli Catholic Schools regarding our proposal to convert to academy status and join the newly formed Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust.

We would like to thank you very much for your interest and participation in the consultation process and for the many questions and comments on our proposal. All of these have helped us to make our decision, but it was particularly helpful to have the opportunity to meet you in person to discuss your questions in detail at our meetings in September.

Following a thorough consultation process, including parents and carers, school staff and many other interested parties, the Governing Body has decided to proceed with academy conversion and join the Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust. We believe that this is the best way to secure the long-term future of our schools and to ensure that we continue to provide the highest quality education for all of our pupils. We believe that the opportunities and future security the Academy Trust provides for our Catholic schools in Sutton, Merton and Croydon far outweigh the future risks that now exist if we did not participate in establishing the new Sancta Familia Academy Trust.

We have carefully considered all of the feedback we received, and we have used it to inform our decision. We were also able to consider feedback from the consultations that other schools joining the Sancta Familia Trust had undertaken. For your information, the report we considered on the outcome of the consultation exercise will be published on the school website alongside this letter. You will also be able to find up to date information on the establishment of the Sancta Familia Academy Trust at www.sanctafamilia.co.uk.

We understand that some people may still be concerned about the changes that academy conversion will bring. We want to assure you that each school's ethos and values will remain unchanged, and that we are committed to working with all of our stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition.

Once all of the schools involved in the new Academy Trust have completed their consultations, we will be able to notify you of the next steps in the conversion process and hope to provide more information about academy conversion timing in the coming months. At this stage we expect the establishment of the Academy Trust and conversion of the first schools joining the Trust to be between Easter and the Summer in 2024.

Thank you for your continued support and in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Tamplin
Chair of Governors

Mr M Jones
Executive Headteacher