



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, and other Stakeholders,

## Academisation Consultation

In September 2014, our Archbishop, the Most Reverend Bernard Longley set out the vision for Catholic Education in the Birmingham Archdiocese with the intention of all schools joining one of the families of Multi Academy Companies (MACs) that are being established across the Archdiocese.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary has always been a forward-looking school and we have always worked closely with the other schools in the Archdiocese. As part of this wider strategy, your Governing Body are proposing that we should join with Emmaus Catholic MultiAcademy Company (MAC).

Emmaus Catholic MAC is currently a family of ten schools across Birmingham, Dudley, Sandwell and Worcestershire. Over the past year, we have been working with the MAC to discuss and plan the way forward, establishing a relationship built on a shared vision, trust, and integrity. The MAC have welcomed us to take part in discussions with their leadership team and 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 St Joseph's Catholic Primary as part of their family.

Your Governing Body believes that joining this MAC is in the best interests of our children and staff, and will help provide long-term security for our school, developing improved links with other Catholic schools in the West Midlands.

We now seek to progress our application to the conversion stage to become an academy in 2024. As part of this process, we are formally consulting with our staff, parents and other stakeholders, to provide an opportunity for you to make comments or ask questions. The consultation stage will run from 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

The attached Consultation Leaflet will provide further information about joining a Multi Academy Company and the consultation process but we would also encourage you to visit the





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website [www.emmausmac.com](http://www.emmausmac.com) where you will find lots of information about Emmaus Catholic MAC.

If you have any questions or observations to make, we invite you to submit these to the school email address [academy2023@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:academy2023@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk) with the subject heading "Consultation" for forwarding to the Governing Body.

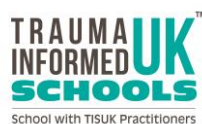
Alternatively, you may wish to attend a consultation meeting, the details of which are set out in the Consultation Leaflet.

We will endeavour to publish responses to all questions raised in the consultation exercise, and as the academisation process continues we will continue to provide you with periodic updates.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governing Body

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