



The Marist Catholic Primary School

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To All Marist Parents, Carers and Staff of The Marist Catholic Primary School
From Herbert Abela, Chair of Marist Governors
Mrs Kate Licence, Head Teacher of the Marist Catholic Primary School

Re: Consultation to convert to Academy status and to joining the Xavier Catholic Education Trust

Dear Marist Parents, Carers and Staff,

After careful consideration and preliminary discussion with the Diocese, The Marist Catholic Primary School's Governing Body has decided that they wish to explore conversion to Academy status and the option to join the Xavier Catholic Education (Multi-Academy) Trust.

Academies are publicly funded state schools that are independent of the Local Authority and receive funding directly from central government. The School will still be a Catholic School under the authority of the Bishop of Arundel & Brighton and its religious designation will not change. As part of a multi-academy trust, there will be greater opportunities for working more closely not just with other local Catholic schools but also with the wider community of schools.

Please be assured that the Catholic character, ethos and values of the School would remain unchanged, should the Academy conversion take place. Indeed, we anticipate that this opportunity to work even more closely together within a supportive Catholic Multi-Academy Trust would further strengthen and support the School's ethos and traditions.

The following schools are in the Xavier Catholic Education (Multi-Academy) Trust :

- Primary schools: Cardinal Newman School, Hersham; Holy Family School, Addlestone; St Alban's School, Molesey; St Anne's School, Chertsey; St Augustine's School, Camberley; St Charles Borromeo School, Weybridge; St Hugh of Lincoln School, Woking.
- Secondary schools: Salesian School, Chertsey; St John the Baptist School, Woking.

We are writing to consult with staff, parents, the parish of Our Lady Help of Christians and the local community to invite your views on the matter.



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How to take part in the consultation process

At this stage, we are not committing the School to conversion to Academy status. We are consulting with everyone associated with our School before Governors meet again to make a final decision. We would like to know what you think of our plans and are inviting you to take part in this consultation.

Your views are important to us, so please take the opportunity to complete the response form found overleaf in hard copy, please ensure that this is returned to The Marist school office. The closing date for the receipt of all forms is 19th March 2017. The Full Governing Body will meet 21st March 2017 to consider how to proceed.

We would request that you respond to this Consultation after reading the following:

- The explanatory letter from Herbert Abela, Chair of Governors 24.02.2017.
- The Covering Letter and Question and Answer document dated 06.03.2017 attached to this Consultation pack.

You may also wish to follow the links provided in the Question and Answer document dated 06.03.2017 to understand more about Academy status and the transition process. There are links to information provided by the Diocese, the Department for Education, Parliament and by the Xavier Catholic Education Trust.

We will also be holding a meeting at School where you can hear more about the proposals, take part in a question and answer session and raise any queries you may have. The meeting will be held on Monday 13th March at 6 p.m. in the Marist school hall and we very much hope that you will join us. If you are unable to make this meeting but would like to ask any questions or make any comments, please enter these under the 'additional comments' section of the consultation response form and return before 13th March so that we can ensure that they are raised at the meeting.

Whether or not you are able to join the meeting on 13th March 2017, we would ask you to respond by 19th March 2017 by completing the template below and handing it in to the school office.

Many thanks in anticipation for your involvement in the consultation process and we look forward to hearing your views on this new and exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert Abela
Chair of Governors

Mrs Kate Licence
Head Teacher





MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Academy status and Multi-Academy Trust Consultation Response Form

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| Date of completion of form: | | | |
| Name of person responding (optional): | | | |
| If parent(s)/carer(s), how many of your children attend the Marist school? (optional): | | | |
| Please indicate the reason for your interest in the Academy/MAT Consultation: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Parent/Carer of pupil(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pupil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Parent/Carer of prospective future pupil | <input type="checkbox"/> | Former Pupil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Member of School staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | Member of local community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Local Authority employee: (Surrey CC) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Member of local Catholic parish | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify) | | |
| Please indicate your response by ticking the box next to the appropriate statement below: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I support the proposal to convert to Academy status and to join the Xavier Catholic Education Multi-Academy Trust | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I do not support the proposal to convert to Academy status and to join the Xavier Catholic Education Multi-Academy Trust | | |
| Additional comments , if required. Please comment in the space below on the proposal to convert to Academy status and to join the Xavier Catholic Education Multi-Academy Trust. Please continue over the page if necessary. | | | |

Thank you for your response. Please complete by 19th March 2017

Please hand in hard(paper)copy to the Marist School Office. Thank you.

