



The Marist Catholic Primary School

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To All Marist Parents, Carers and Staff
From Herbert C Abela, Chair of Marist Governors

Application to convert to Academy status and to join The Xavier Catholic Education Trust.

Dear Parents and Carers of Marist pupils and staff of The Marist School,

On 29th March 2017 the Headteacher and I wrote to inform you that we submitted the application, to convert to Academy status and to join The Xavier Catholic Education Trust (CET), to the Department for Education (DfE), which completed the application process.

Since then, the application has been under consideration by DfE, the Regional Schools Commissioner for Schools and the Local Authority. We had an Estates Survey commissioned by the Xavier CET to check on statutory requirements for the infrastructure and to plan for forward maintenance. The pre-election period between 21 April and 8 June (known as Purdah) caused delays as civil servants had specific restrictions on activity that they had to follow.

We received the welcome news on 17 June 2017 that the Academy Order has been issued. This is conditional approval from the DfE which is a major step. It releases government funds to The Marist that enable us to proceed with the final stage of the process. This final phase mainly deals with legal requirements and agreements and staff consultation for transfer of their employment to the Xavier CET, in line with The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) requirements. Once all actions are completed the school becomes an academy and joins the Xavier CET.

We expect to become an academy in time for the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Herbert C Abela
Chair of Governors



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