



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is Bishop Marcus' vision that all twenty-two schools in the Diocese of Leeds join St Gregory the Great Catholic Academy Trust to create strong collaborative partnerships.

The Governors of St Francis of Assisi are proposing that the school become an academy and join St Gregory the Great Catholic Multi Academy Trust, one of the five Catholic Multi Academy Trusts in the Leeds Diocese.

There are already seven primary schools and one high school in the Trust. They are

- Christ the King
- Holy Rosary and St Anne Catholic Primary School
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary School
- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
- St Augustine Catholic Primary School
- St Paul Catholic Primary School
- St Urban Catholic Primary School
- Corpus Christi Catholic College

The Governors wish to progress their application to the conversion stage to become an academy in January 2022. As part of this process, we are formally consulting with our parents/carers to provide an opportunity for you to make comments or ask questions.

We have arranged a consultation meeting on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30pm** in the school hall. We would encourage you to attend the meeting especially if you have any questions, or simply want to learn more.

Our 'Frequently Asked Questions re 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 our school website.

There is also more general information about academies on the DfE website:

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

If you are unable to attend the meeting we would welcome any comments you may have and these may be sent to us in writing to:

Vicky Misner, Chair of Governors, St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary

Or by email to: [admin@bsf-leeds.co.uk](mailto:admin@bsf-leeds.co.uk)

The closing date for comments to be made is **3.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

Yours sincerely

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