



# *St. John of Beverley R.C. Primary School*

*a Diocese of Middlesbrough School*

Wilberforce Crescent, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 0BU, 01482 882487  
[stjohnofbeverley.primary@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:stjohnofbeverley.primary@eastriding.gov.uk) [www.stjohnofbeverleyrcprimary.org.uk](http://www.stjohnofbeverleyrcprimary.org.uk)  
follow us on Twitter @stjohnofbev

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers/Colleagues

In July 2016 our Headteacher and I wrote to you advising that our Catholic cluster of schools had begun discussions around forming a Catholic Multi Academy Trust (CMAT) of our schools to secure and ensure Catholic education in our area. Those discussions have continued to take place and have now been widened to recognise the request from our Bishop to form a CMAT merging the Catholic schools and one Catholic/Church of England school in the central region of the Diocese.

As a Governing Body we are constantly seeking to improve the provision for all of our children and young people and to support, secure and sustain the effective use of the collective resources of our Catholic family of schools across the region.

Catholic schools and Catholic/Church of England Schools across the Diocese have engaged in extensive dialogue about the formation of a three Catholic Academy Trust model. This has resulted in the formation of a Catholic Academy Trust in the south of the Diocese; the twenty-five Catholic schools/academies in the north of the Diocese have also agreed to embark on a process to develop one Trust in the north of the region (the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust).

The Bishop of Middlesbrough has asked all Governing Bodies in the Central region to work together on a programme to merge the twenty existing Catholic schools and the one Catholic/Church of England School and form one Catholic Multi Academy Trust (the St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy Trust). Our Governing Body has embarked on a series of meetings with the other Catholic schools and the Catholic/Church of England school in the region to discuss the formation of this Trust.

An important part of this work is to engage with staff, parents/carers and other stakeholders to seek their views and comments. There is a commitment that we will undertake a consultation process to seek your views on this important change to education in our region.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm to you that the Governing Body is engaged in these discussions about the formation of the Trust and to assure you that further information will be shared over the coming weeks and months. In addition we will seek your views and comments through a consultation process that will start in the Autumn Term.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Du Boulay  
Chair of Governor

