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Dear Parent / Carer

ACADEMY CONVERSION UPDATE

As we informed you in April last year, the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham has asked all of its schools to convert to Academy status. During the past number of months, that process has been continuing behind the scenes at Our Lady & St Werburgh's, as described in previous Governors Newsletters.

At the same time, it is government policy to encourage all eligible schools to become academies by 2022 and Staffordshire County Council is also asking all schools to consider the move.

Becoming an academy means removing the school from the control of the Local Authority. Our Governors have agreed that we should join the Christ the King Multi-Academy Trust, which consists of St John Fisher RC High, and the following Catholic primary schools: St Mary's (Newcastle); St Teresa's (Trent Vale); St Thomas Aquinas (Stoke); and St Wulstan's (Wolstanton).

We are now in a position to invite you to an information evening on Monday, 22 January 2018, at 6.30pm, in the school hall, where we will make a short presentation and you will be able to ask any questions.

This is the start of a one-month 'consultation period' so if you wish to email any thoughts or queries, please send them to admin@ourlady-st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk between now and the 22nd February.

In practise, much of what you know of our school will remain the same: our name; our catchment area; and the choice you have of where to send your child in Year 7. The educational objectives of the Christ the King MAT are as follows:

- **The Quality of Teaching & Learning:** To work in partnership, to further enhance education from age 3-16 and to provide an enjoyable, engaging and enriching learning experience for all students.
- **The Achievement of Students:** To work in partnership, to ensure all students develop into resourceful and responsible young people, equipped with the skills required for life.
- **The Effectiveness of Leadership & Management:** To work in partnership, in order to share the expertise and resources needed to underpin the provision of excellent Catholic education.
- **To Preserve and Maintain our Catholic Ethos :** To work in partnership, in order to continue to learn and grow as children of God.

Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady & St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School.

Yours sincerely

Mr J O'Hara
Chair of Governors

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