



St John Fisher Catholic High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust – A Diocesan Family of Schools

You may have seen Bishop Marcus Stock's vision for Catholic education around our schools' becoming academies and joining one of the five Catholic Multi Academy Trusts in the Leeds Diocese.

We wanted to write to let you know about the plans for our school to join the Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust (BWCAT), along with our family of Catholic Schools in North Leeds and North Yorkshire. Being part of the Trust will benefit all our schools in creating stronger collaborative partnerships with one another as one family. It will ensure strategic and structural solidarity, securing Catholic education for your children in the Diocese of Leeds and within our geographical area for the future. Three of our partner Catholic Primary schools are already part of the BWCAT: St Robert's Harrogate, St Joseph's Harrogate, and St Mary's Knaresborough.

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. A presentation will be held at the school on Thursday 7th October 2021 at 6:00pm. We are hopeful we will be able to convert on 1st December 2021.

The diocesan document containing '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, are also available to view on the school website. There is also more general information about academies on the DfE website: <http://www.education.gov.uk/academies>.

We would welcome any written comments you may have. Please e-mail your comments to office@sjfchs.org.uk addressed to the Chair of Governors.

The consultation period runs from Wednesday 22nd September 2021 until Friday 22nd October. The closing date for comments to be made is 4:00 pm on Friday 22nd October 2021.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Ms J O'Gara
Chair of Governors

