

Multi Academy Company Consultation Evening

Our Lady and All Saints

Multi Academy Company

Prayer

Guide your Church to stay true to the vision that inspired the development of education in this country.

Help us to remember our responsibilities and work together as a community to support our future generations.

Amen

Welcome & introduction

- ▶ Head Teacher - Julie Foley
- ▶ Deputy Head Teacher - Cath Harwood
- ▶ Parish Priest & Governor - Fr Dominic
- ▶ Chair of Governors - Annie Fuller
- ▶ Vice-Chair of Governors - Michael Wakeham

Agenda

- ▶ This evening is an opportunity to inform the school and Parish community of our plans to create a Multi Academy Company
- ▶ To outline our vision
- ▶ Explain the process we will go through over the next few months
- ▶ Answer any questions you may have

What is A Multi Academy

- ▶ An Academy is a state school funded directly from Government, not the Local Authority
- ▶ It is a not for profit, Charitable Company, created for the advancement of the Church's mission through the education of its pupils
- ▶ A Multi Academy Company (MAC) is a group of schools, working together within a legal framework, overseen by a Board of Directors

National Picture

- ▶ Government has, for a number of years, encouraged schools to become part of Multi Academies
- ▶ Nationally, over 50% of pupils are being educated in Academies or Free schools
- ▶ The capacity to support education outcomes within many Local Authorities has diminished

Securing The Future

- ▶ Catholic education was established in the 1850s with building schools given a priority over building Churches
- ▶ To secure the future of our schools, the Archdiocese has asked that all schools become part of a Multi Academy Company
- ▶ Across the Archdiocese, there are currently 114 schools in 18 Multi Academy Companies. By September 2020, the Trustees of the Archdiocese expect all Diocesan schools to be in a Multi Academy Company

Securing The Future

- ▶ A group of 13 schools around Solihull, Birmingham and North Warwickshire have agreed to work together and will be known as:

Our Lady and All Saints Multi Academy Company

- ▶ The full list of schools is in your information pack

Vision

- ▶ With Jesus Christ at the centre of the life of the academy, our priorities are to work together in a spirit of partnership for the common good of all and for the good of Catholic education
- ▶ We are committed to working collaboratively to share good practice and maximise the use of our resources and experience to support education in response to ever changing needs
- ▶ Our priorities are underpinned by a desire to do the best for your children within a Catholic setting

Stewardship

- ▶ The MAC will exist to provide the very best Catholic education founded on the common good, faith in theory and faith in practice
- ▶ We are committed to the education of the whole child, recognising their uniqueness
- ▶ We will continue to ensure that there is a strong culture of safeguarding to support and protect our pupils

Parishes and Communities

- ▶ Diocesan schools exist to further the mission of the Catholic Church to evangelise and we will maintain and strengthen our local Parish links through the MAC
- ▶ We will continue to work closely with our community of stakeholders: children, parents, staff, governors and clergy, creating knowledgeable school communities to support our mission
- ▶ The MAC will use its combined resources to support all parts of our community, especially those who find themselves in a vulnerable position

High Quality Catholic Education

- ▶ We will share expertise across our schools to support the highest standard of education for our pupils
- ▶ We will prioritise support to our most vulnerable pupils reflecting our belief that each child is unique in the eyes of God
- ▶ We will offer an exciting, broad and balanced curriculum providing an outstanding range of opportunities and experiences for our children

Collaboration

- ▶ We will grow and develop Catholic Life of the schools and their communities
- ▶ There will be opportunities to share resources across schools to fund wider specialist provision
- ▶ We recognise the potential opportunities for staff development and career progression within our Catholic MAC
- ▶ We will be able to broaden the diversity of planned curriculum and extra curricular opportunities

Frequently Asked Questions

- ▶ **Will the school name change**
- ▶ **Will our uniform change**
- ▶ **Will our admission's arrangements change**
- ▶ **Will staff be required to move school**
- ▶ **What is the Governance / Board structure**
- ▶ **Will all policies and practices be the same for every school**

Frequently Asked Questions

- ▶ **Will our school get more money**
- ▶ **Will our school still collaborate with those not in the MAC**
- ▶ **Will there be a CEO over the MAC**
- ▶ **What is the role of the Parish Priest**
- ▶ **Will the Headteacher still be responsible for the leadership and management of the school**

ANY QUESTIONS

18/09/20
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Next Steps

- ▶ Consultation period is from Monday 16th Sept to 14th Oct
- ▶ Suggestions can be emailed to :
- ▶ macconsultation@olaas.co.uk
- ▶ All Governing bodies will review feedback from the consultation meetings
- ▶ The outcome of the consultations will be published w/c 18th Nov on schools websites

Next Steps

- ▶ We will work with the DfE and professional advisers to plan through the next steps in forming our MAC
- ▶ We will be supported by the Archdiocese of Birmingham in the process
- ▶ We will continue to update our school and parish communities on progress