



Dear Stakeholder,

## **Consultation on a proposal for Frassati Catholic Academy Trust to merge with Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust**

### **Context**

Frassati Catholic Academy Trust and Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust have been given permission by the Trustees of the Diocese of Portsmouth to actively seek a restructuring to amalgamate the two Trusts into one.

Underpinning the Diocesan permission is the desire and need to ensure the promotion, preservation, protection and future development of Catholic education within the Diocese of Portsmouth so that it is fit for the mission of the Church.

In establishing this trust structure the aim is to ensure that the children and young people in our schools will continue to receive the very best educational opportunities and life fulfilling experiences, within a community which has the teachings of Christ and his Church at the very centre. It will ensure that the uniqueness of each individual school is celebrated and the unique contribution of each is recognised and appreciated.

Through the trust structure the aim is to facilitate greater sharing, adding strength and capacity to the system and ensuring that all schools are supported and included.

The Diocese believe that in this way the Diocese will better fulfil the mission of Catholic education within the Church.

We would now like to consult with parents, carers, staff and other stakeholders, on these proposals and this letter provides you more information, whilst also inviting you to let us know your views.

### **Proposal**

The proposal is for Frassati Catholic Academy Trust to join Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust to become a combined Trust with a total of seven schools.

We believe pupils and staff would benefit from the greater opportunities that formal partnership, through the combined MAT, would bring, which include:

- extending learning opportunities and activities for pupils

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- developing and enriching the curriculum through partnership working and shared resources
- further improve the quality of education in each school by enabling the sharing of excellent practice in teaching and learning
- enhancing the professional development of teaching and support staff
- building mutual support and accountability between the Head Teachers and between the Governors
- securing cost and resource efficiencies through joint commissioning of services

### **How do I find out more, and how do I respond to the consultation?**

Consultation will begin today, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023, for a period of three school term weeks and will end at 3pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

This letter together with the attached frequently asked questions document provides you with some background information.

Our Trust Board would very much like to hear your opinion and would encourage you to respond to the consultation by completing the attached feedback form. Please email the completed form to **frassaticonsultation@gmail.com** by the deadline of 3pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Yours sincerely

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