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Dear Parents and carers

### **Update on Academy Consultation process and Conversion**

We are writing following our previous letter which outlined the process for consultation regarding the proposed academy conversion of Trinity Catholic School. Firstly, we would like to thank the whole community for your support and engagement with this process. Outlined below is a summary of the process and the next steps for the school.

The consultation began on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and concluded on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The information regarding the academy consultation and how to take part was sent to all parents/ carers via the Edulink update, reminders were placed in the bulletin, information was also posted and taken to neighbouring parishes and personal visits and video calls were completed with all partner primary schools. In total five coffee mornings were also held across a period of a week with support from the Our Lady of Lourdes MAC Directors and members of the Executive Team. Meetings have also been held with staff and opportunities have been provided to meet with senior staff from Our Lady of Lourdes Multi-Academy through the TUPE process which began on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

We received submissions via the following formats:

- Online form found on the Academy consultation website
- Emails directly into school
- Emails to the consultation email address
- In person via coffee mornings
- In person via meetings with partner primary schools
- In person with local parishes
- Feedback from pupil representation via the school council

It was pleasing to see feedback from a wide range of stakeholders including pupils, parents/ carers, governors from local schools and teachers in the local community to name but a few. The range of questions and opinions reflect the way in which stakeholders have carefully considered the impact of becoming an academy both for the current and future generations.

After reviewing feedback from the consultation, the IEB have resolved to support the proposal for Trinity Catholic School to become an academy within Our Lady of Lourdes Multi-Academy and will now work with the Archdiocese and the Local Authority to convert in the near future. The academy conversion was authorised by the Department of Education yesterday.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of the school and the exciting future that lies ahead.

Yours sincerely



**Mr A. Quinn (Acting Chair)**

On behalf of the IEB of Trinity Catholic School