



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley



**We love and learn together by growing
in friendship with Jesus**



Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company
Strong in Faith

Monday 11th May 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are keeping well. We look forward to welcoming your children back to our school as soon as is safe for them and our staff. I know that the information within this letter may not be a priority at the moment, given the National crisis, however, we feel it is important to keep you informed and as up to date as possible. Even though we are currently only open to key worker children, I want you to know that you are welcome to contact us about any matter, should you have any queries.

You will recall that during the Autumn Term 2019, a public consultation took place with reference to our school joining Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi-Academy Company. It was undertaken as per the Birmingham Diocesan Academy structure and in accordance with the Trustees of the Archbishop. In December 2019, together with the other 12 schools involved in this consultation process, we jointly published the outcome of this public consultation, which resulted in an overwhelming response for us to support our conversion process to Academy status.

Throughout the Spring Term 2020, all schools have been working in partnership via a Joint Head Teacher and Chair of Governors Steering Committee, with support from the DES, Shadow Board of Directors and MAC Project Development Manager, to submit an Academy Order to the Department for Education to seek legal approval to form the Academy.

I am now in a position to report that approval for each of the 13 schools took place at a Head Teacher Board meeting with the Regional Schools' Commissioner on 23rd April 2020. This means that the legal set up of the company can officially begin, giving access to additional grant funding to form and support our Academy growth and development. The date for legal conversion to the Company for each school has yet to be confirmed and it will be decided once the guidance on schools re-opening, linked to Covid-19, is released by the government – now due in the coming days.

Behind the scenes, work is now actively taking place with regards to the central operational structure of the Academy. We are continuing to work collaboratively with each school to further protect and support our Catholic education provision for the longer term.

I would like to thank our Governing Body and the staff at our school for the work they have undertaken in securing this academy order approval.

Finally, the logo and branding for Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi-Academy Company has now been agreed by the Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors and we have included it on this letter - may we all stay **'Strong in Faith'** together. We will all be starting a new journey, a different way of moving forward, encouraging and supporting each other in our work and faith.

Best Wishes

Chair of Governors

Our Lady and All Saints Schools: Guardian Angels Catholic Primary, Birmingham - Our Lady's Catholic Primary, Birmingham - Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary, Solihull - Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary, Solihull - St Andrew's Catholic Primary, Solihull - St Anne's Catholic Primary, Solihull - St Anthony's Catholic Primary, Solihull - St Augustine's Catholic Primary, Solihull - St Edward's Catholic Primary, Warwickshire - St George & St Teresa's Catholic Primary, Solihull - St John the Baptist Catholic Primary, Solihull - St Peter's Catholic Secondary, Solihull - St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary, Birmingham.

Whitefields Road, Solihull, B91 3NZ

Tel: 0121 705 4355

Fax: 0121 705 9489

E-mail: office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk

Website: www.st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk

