

15th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Catholic Academy Trust Consultation

As you may recall from our last communication, the governors of Bishop Challoner Catholic School have taken the decision to initiate the consultation process regarding the acquisition of academy status and joining a Catholic Academy Trust with our partner Catholic schools in the Deanery.

This letter is informing you of the consultation, which opens on Monday 15 January and closes on Friday 9 February 2024.

A consultation does not mean we have taken a final decision to convert to an Academy, but that we wish to seek the views of all our community to inform the final decision. To support you in developing your knowledge and understanding of what is involved in becoming an academy we have prepared a questions and answers consultation leaflet which will be available from 15th January on the school's website at -

https://www.bishopchallonerfederation.towerhamlets.sch.uk/CATConsultation

Included with the leaflet is a response form which we strongly encourage you to complete and return to us by 9th February in order that your opinions are considered as part of the consultation process. You can also email this back to Consultation@bishop.towerhamlets.sch.uk.

If you would like a hard copy of the FAQ or response form please contact the school office. Please also return any completed hard copies of the Response form to the school office and by the **9th February 2024.**

To further support your participation in the consultation we invite you to attend an information session with school leaders and governors. The meeting will include a presentation about what joining the Catholic Academy Trust would mean for the school, and it is another opportunity to ask questions.

We anticipate the meeting will last for approximately 60 minutes, commencing at **6.00 pm on Tuesday 23rd January.**

We look forward to speaking with you at the meeting and to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely,

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Fr David Evans Chair of Governors

Mr J P Morrison Headteacher