



The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust

Consultation Event
January 23rd 2023

Event Aim and Objectives

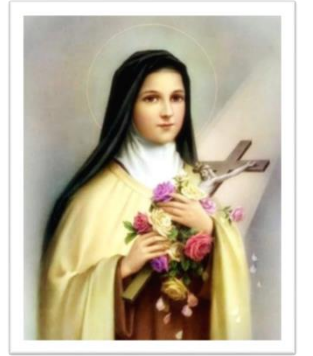


Aim: to inform parent/carers and other stakeholders about the governing body's proposal and consultation process

Objectives:

1. Explain why the Governing Body is conducting a consultation
2. Outline the role of the Diocese, its vision, strategy and timeline
3. Describe the proposed vision for our Catholic MAT and what we see as the benefits for our school
4. Clarify what would change and what would stay the same
5. How to respond to the consultation process

The Bishop's Vision



In 2016 and again in 2019, Bishop Declan shared his vision for all his schools to work together and undertake a due diligence exercise in readiness for the establishment of Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) across the diocese.

His reason for doing this was to respond to the changes in the educational landscape and “ensure Catholic education is sustainable and remains true to its key principles for the generations of pupils now and yet to come”.

Why Now?

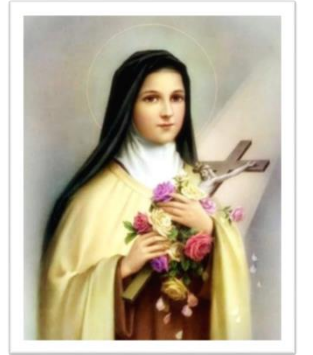


Catholic education imperative - collective responsibility for all children in Catholic schools and develop Catholic leaders

Improvement imperative - urgent need to maintain and build on the strengths of good Catholic schools and provide support to Catholic schools with a directive Academy Order or who are vulnerable.

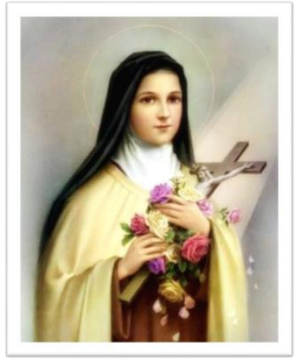
Financial imperative – schools under intense pressure with budgets. The MAT application must demonstrate financial sustainability from Day One. Opportunities, over time, to pool resources which may lead to cost efficiencies. Bid for additional grant funding only available to academies, for set up, school improvement and leadership capacity.

Our Proposal



To apply to convert to academy status and
join The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust on
the target opening date of 1st September 2023

Our Vision



Kindness is my only guiding star. In its light, I sail a straight route, I have my motto written on my sail: 'To live in love.' St Therese of Lisieux.

Our Trust family is united in its shared mission to develop our Catholic ethos in order to transform the lives of every child, family and community we serve, in Jesus' name.

Our vision is to empower every child to excel academically, socially, morally, culturally and spiritually in order that they may flourish as individuals. Assured of the love of God, we strive to educate children within an inclusive and compassionate community which celebrates the gifts and talents of our pupils and removes barriers to learning. We strive to be a community of life-long learners, contributing to a just and loving society.

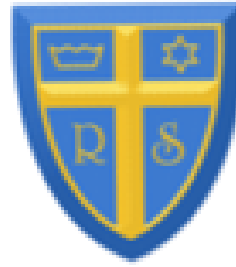
Our Trust family is a partnership of equals who work collaboratively so that everyone can grow and learn together. We celebrate the diversity of our schools, retaining our individual characteristics, whilst working together for the greater good of our whole community.

Through honesty, respect, service and solidarity we value each other as one family.
All are welcome.

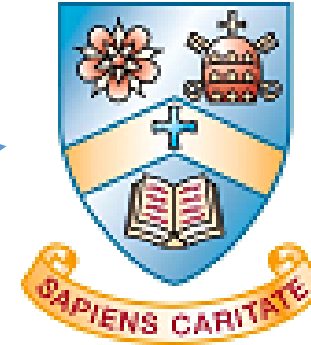


**St Catharine's
Catholic
Primary School**

Let your light shine



**The Rosary
Catholic
Primary School**



**St Gregory the
Great Catholic
Primary School**



**St Peter's
Catholic
Primary School**



**The Little Way
Catholic Educational Trust**



**St. Thomas
More Catholic
Primary School**



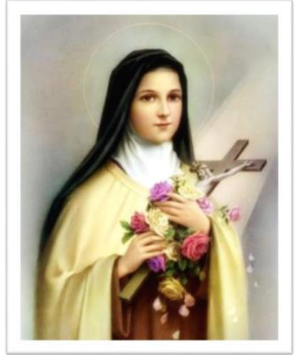
**St Joseph's
Catholic
Primary School**



Benefits for all our Children

1. Improve the quality of education for all pupils in all areas of the curriculum and wider curriculum – an equal offer for all children in our Catholic schools within the MAT
2. Increased opportunities for pupils to learn from expert teachers and specialist staff
3. Improved shared access to resources and provision of specialist skills
4. Headteachers to focus on quality of teaching and learning, ensuring all children are ready to learn, make progress and achieve
5. Pupils would benefit from schools who work more efficiently to create cost savings and bid for additional funding grants only available to academies
6. Pupils would benefit from shared enrichment and extra-curricular activities

Main Benefits for all our Staff



1. Increased collaboration to support each other
2. New leadership and career opportunities
3. Potential increased job security for all staff
4. Avoid duplication of work for leaders



What Would Change?

The legal status of the school i.e., from a single local authority maintained school [or single academy school] to being part of a family or group of academy schools known as a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT).

The MAT would receive its funding directly from the Department for Education and allocate it to its academy schools.

All staff wherever they are based would be employed by the MAT, not an individual governing body, but would remain based in their existing school.

Oversight by a single Trust Governing Board responsible for the educational and financial performance of all schools and compliance with statutory duties. The Trust Board would establish committees, including Local Governing Committees.

What Will NOT Change?

Catholic ethos and values

School identities

School names

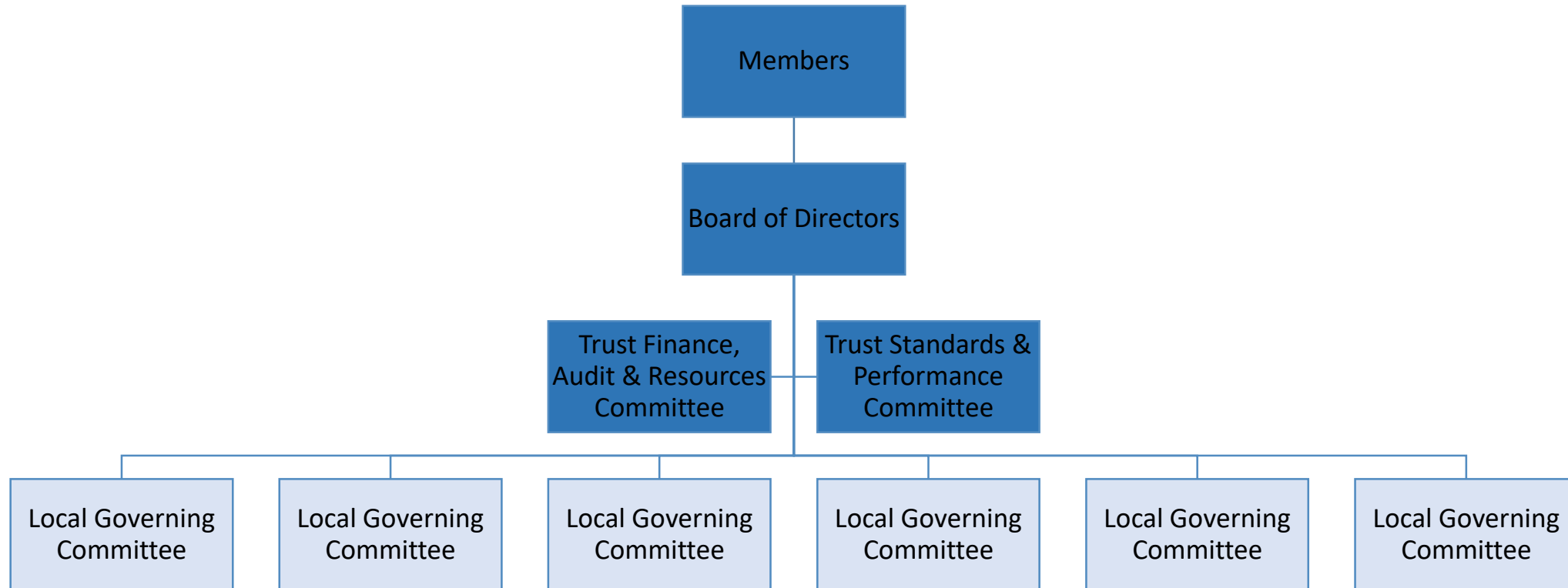
School uniforms

Day-to-day school leadership

School staffing



MAT Governance Structure



Apply to become a director or local governor via: [Leadership & Governance | Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges](#)

Consultation Timeline



9th January
2023

Consultation documents, including frequently asked questions and the role of the Diocese were sent out to parents and wider stakeholders & published on school websites.

23rd Jan – 27th
Jan

Stakeholder consultation meetings, including parents/carers, staff, parishes and the wider community. Pupil consultation events in school.

6th February

Consultation ends.

6th Feb to 9th
Feb

School Governing Bodies evaluate the responses from the consultation exercises plus the due diligence process and make the decision about the proposal to join the MAT .

Diocesan Academy Board meet to consider conditional consent for conversions.

w/b 13th
February

Formal Application submitted to DfE with a view to conversion to a MAT for 1st September 2023



How to Respond to the Consultation

Please submit your responses to the questionnaire by **12 noon Monday 6th February 2023**.

The questionnaire was part of the consultation letter sent home. A copy of it has been published on each of the school's website on the Little Way Partnership Section if you wish to download, complete and e-mail to the school.

Hardcopies of the questionnaire are available from the school office.

Any Questions?



Thank you for your time and interest in our consultation process. Please complete the online questionnaire by 12 noon Monday 6th February.