



St Edmund's and St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools



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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Academisation Update

On behalf of the Governing Body of the Federation of St Edmund's and St Joseph's, I am writing to update you on our progress towards joining the Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (OLoW CMAT).

Over the summer there has been a number of leadership changes within the Trust and at St Joseph's, including the appointment of a new Assistant Head. At Trust level, Flavio Vettese (CEO) has taken up a post in the Diocese of Brentwood; Claire Clark (Deputy CEO) has been appointed Interim CEO; Richard Stevenson has been appointed Interim Deputy CEO; and the Chair of the Trust Board has stepped down, with an Interim Chair now in place.

Ensuring a smooth transition is our priority. Following constructive discussions between the Trust Board and Federation governors, we have agreed to move the proposed conversion date from 1st November 2025 to later in the academic year. This short delay will allow the new leadership teams to settle and will give both organisations the time to complete due diligence thoroughly and without undue pressure.

The Governing Body and OLoW CMAT remain fully committed to completing the academisation later in the academic year, in line with the direction of the Bishop of East Anglia. Teaching, learning and our Catholic ethos continue unchanged. We will keep you informed as the process progresses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Ian Cameron
Chair of Governors

Maria Kemble
Executive Head Teacher

"We learn together in God's love by encouraging and supporting one another."

