



St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery
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Re: Catholic Academy Trust Consultation

Monday 28th April 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

As you may recall from our last communication, the governors of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery 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 28th April and closes on 23rd May 2025.

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 28th April 2025 on the school's website at:

<https://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk/academisation-consultation/>

Included in the leaflet is a response sheet / questionnaire which we strongly encourage you to complete and return to us by 23rd May 2025 so that your opinions are considered as part of the consultation process. You can also email this back to consultation@ssas.herts.sch.uk. If you would like a hard copy of anything, please contact the school office. Please also return any completed hard copies of the response sheet / questionnaire to the school office by the deadline stated above.

You can also share your opinions via this Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLiCRkDs9n_iCVVcDluFfEPPqKOMWcDapFV7LKM2LdAOWgHQ/viewform?usp=sharing

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 is another opportunity to ask questions. We anticipate the meeting will last for approximately 60 minutes, commencing **at 6pm on Thursday 15th May 2025** in the school hall on the upper site.

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

Yours faithfully,

Miss P. Lai
Chair of Governors

Mrs S. Lavelle-Murphy
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