

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God

21 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on an important school development.

Over the last six months I have worked with our Headteacher, Mrs Emma Loveland, and the full Governing Body, as we engaged with Andrew Celano, the CEO of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust (SFACAT). That engagement has been part of the wider plan of the Bishops of England and Wales, fully supported by our own Cardinal Vincent Nichols, that all Catholic Voluntary Aided schools convert to become members of groups of schools known as Catholic Academy Trusts.

Our initial scrutiny of the possibility that we join the St. Francis of Assisi family has given us great confidence in the benefits that should come to our school through joining the Trust. In turn collectively, we will create a wider family of schools where we can all gain from active cooperation and strong support from the well-established and successful Trust. In short, we believe this action is the best way to enhance, preserve and protect the future of Catholic education in Enfield. It is for these reasons that your Governing Body and our Headteacher, Mrs Emma Loveland, support our making an application to join the Trust.

We still have much work to do and a lot to define before any final decisions are made. We shall, of course, be undertaking a comprehensive and fully inclusive consultation programme and I hope that you will play an active part in helping to define the future of our school.

I should also like to confirm and reassure you that the process of Academisation and the joining with the St. Francis of Assisi Trust will not change the distinctive ethos and individuality of our school. The life and role the school plays in our community is at the heart of our approach and one that is shared by SFACAT.

I would like to also share with you that we are delighted to be journeying on this process with St. Ignatius College, St. Monica's RC Primary School, St. George's RC Primary School, St. Edmund's RC Primary School and Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School, all of whom are also applying to join SFACAT.

This is the start of a new era for us in Enfield, one which we are confident will secure the future of our school and will help us to grow and endow Catholic education for many years to come.

Yours faithfully

Mr John Donnelly
Chair of Governors

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