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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

Consultation to Convert to Academy Status and to Joining the Xavier Catholic Education Trust (CET)

Further to my letter dated 22nd November 2018, confirming that our Governing Body has decided to formally begin the process of joining the Xavier CET, we are now in a position to move onto the consultation stage.

As you may know, academies are publicly funded state schools that are independent of the local authority and receive funding directly from central government. St Peter's will still be a Catholic school under the authority of the Bishop of Arundel & Brighton, and its religious designation will not change. As part of a multi-academy trust (MAT), there will be greater opportunities for working more closely, not just with other local Catholic schools but also with the wider community of schools.

Please be assured that the Catholic character, ethos and values of the school would remain unchanged, should the academy conversion take place. Indeed, we anticipate that this opportunity to work even more closely together within a supportive Catholic trust would further strengthen and support the school's ethos and traditions.

The following schools are in the Xavier Catholic Education Trust:

- Primary schools: Cardinal Newman School, Hersham; Holy Family School, Addlestone; St Alban's School, Molesey; St Anne's School, Chertsey; St Augustine's School, Camberley; St Charles Borromeo School, Weybridge; St Hugh of Lincoln School, Woking, The Marist School, West Byfleet; St Cuthbert Mayne, Cranleigh
- Secondary schools: Salesian School, Chertsey; St John the Baptist School, Woking.

We are now writing to consult with staff, parents, the parish of Guildford and the local community to invite your views on the matter.

How to take part in the consultation process

At this stage, we are not committing the school to conversion to academy status. We are consulting with everyone associated with our school, before the Governors meet again to make a final decision. We would like to know what you think of our plans and are inviting you to take part in this consultation.

Your views are very important to us and we would kindly request that you take the opportunity to complete the attached Consultation Response Form, in paper copy, after reading this letter and the attached Question and Answer document. Please ensure that this is returned to School Reception by the closing date of Friday 15th February 2019.

We will also be holding a meeting at school where you can hear more about the proposals, take part in a question and answer session and raise any queries you may have. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 6:30pm in St Cecilia's Theatre. If you are unable to make this meeting and would like to ask any questions or make any comments, please enter these under the 'additional comments' section of the Consultation Response Form and return before midday on Wednesday 13th February 2019 so that we can ensure that they are raised at the meeting. Any questions raised will be answered and noted on the school website.

The Full Governing Body will meet shortly afterwards to consider how to proceed and the outcome of the consultation process will be published on the school website in due course.

Many thanks in anticipation for your involvement in the consultation process and we look forward to hearing your views on this new and exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs M Nugent
Co-Chair of Governors

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Mr P Downie
Co-Chair of Governors

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Headteacher

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