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Dear Parents and Carers,

Academisation Update

On behalf of Archbishop Longley, the Birmingham Diocesan Education Services (BDES) is implementing a Multi Academy Strategy as part of the vision for Catholic education in the Diocese. The strategy includes the academisation of all remaining voluntary aided schools, such as St Peter's Catholic Primary, by joining them with other Catholic schools to form larger Multi-Academy Companies (MACs). For some time, St Peter's Catholic Primary and other schools in Walsall and Staffordshire have been working constructively with the BDES to gain a better understanding of its vision and on the potential options and approaches for its realisation.

In recent weeks eleven Governing Bodies have positively committed to the Multi Academy Company strategy and the following schools are now actively working together on the journey towards academisation:

- St Peter's Primary, Bloxwich
- St Francis of Assisi Catholic College, Aldridge
- St Mary of the Angels Primary, Aldridge
- St Joseph's Primary, Lichfield
- St Peter & St Pauls Primary, Lichfield
- St Gabriel's Primary, Tamworth
- St Elizabeth's Primary, Tamworth
- St Modwen's Primary, Burton
- St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School, Willenhall
- St Joseph's Primary, Darlaston
- Holy Trinity Primary, Bilston

Governing Bodies and school leaders are working collaboratively on this exciting venture and are all committed to ensuring that Christ is at the heart of all of our work, that children now and in the future receive an excellent education and are equipped to be excellent citizens. You will receive updates as the work continues over time.

Please be assured that the process will be constructive and rigorous and I will provide updates on progress as they are available; but should you have any specific questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact school via telephone or email with any queries or questions (marked for the attention of the Chair of Governors).

Mr A Mealey
Chair of Governors
on behalf of the Governing board.
St Peter's Catholic Primary School.