



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

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Our Mission Statement
We Live our Lives like Jesus

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Dear Parents and Carers

Consultation - Joining Edith Stein Multi Academy Trust

As you are aware our Ofsted inspection last year rated the school inadequate. Since then, a considerable amount of progress has been made to improve our school.

Under Section 4 of the **Academies Act 2010**, the Secretary of State for Education must make an academy order in respect of a maintained school if it has been judged to be 'Inadequate' by Ofsted and to this end an academy order has been raised.

Whilst this might appear to be a little 'authoritarian' we believe that we can make this work to our advantage. Since the Inspection we have been working with the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth to consider how to move the school forward. Within the Diocese there are a number of Multi Academy Trusts, however, it is sensible and logical for Corpus Christi to join one of these local to us.

For the last few months we have been working alongside the Edith Stein Multi Academy Trust. This holds in its trusteeship Oaklands Catholic School and it also offers an Academy-led solution for Christ the King College on the Isle of Wight. A route is now open for us to join this trust.

We are now starting the formal process of consultation with stakeholders, of which parents and carers are clearly very important. We believe that this move will have many benefits for our children, families and staff, and will enable us to work with other highly regarded schools to share expertise in all areas of school life - whilst at the same time maintaining all of the attributes that make Corpus Christi special and distinctive.

The Trust will have a central focus on core functions, for example the Catholicity of the school, finance and school improvement.

In terms of the day to day life of the school, there will be little difference to that which is currently experienced by the pupils, staff and parents, and we will be maintaining our strong identity as a Catholic school serving the community of North Portsmouth.

Miss Clark, our Headteacher, will continue to make operational decisions and share the strategic leadership with our Governing Body but we will also benefit from sharing best practice amongst other schools.

We have created a Multi Academy Trust consultation page on our website where you will find our FAQs document [www. https://www.corpuschristi.portsmouth.sch.uk/edith-stein-multi-academy-trust/](https://www.corpuschristi.portsmouth.sch.uk/edith-stein-multi-academy-trust/)

The consultation period is from 1st February to 22nd February 2021.

You are invited to an online meeting at **7pm on Tuesday 2nd February**, at which key people will be in attendance including Matthew Quinn, CEO of the Edith Stein Multi Academy Trust. The meeting will comprise of a presentation about the academy conversion and there will be opportunities to answer any questions you may have. If you do wish to attend this meeting please email admin@corpuschristi.portsmouth.sch.uk and an electronic invitation will be sent to you. Any questions or comments should be sent to the school for consideration prior to the meeting and by Friday 29th January so that they can be responded to in the meeting.

The Governors will have access to and will consider all responses as they move this process forward. We look forward to engaging with you in this very important step for our school.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

T. Blair
Chair of Governors
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

