



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,

Academisation Update

As you are aware following the outcome of the 2019 Ofsted, the school is required to become a sponsored academy, which means another academy or multi-academy trust will be involved in overseeing the management of the school. In the last 7 years, a number of schools in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth converted to become academies. One reason for this conversion was so that the Diocese had the capacity to support any Catholic school in the Diocese that received an order from the Department for Education to convert to academy status.

Since the Ofsted, the Diocesan Catholic Academies and Schools Office has worked hard to seek an academy that would consider sponsoring Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School. Over the summer we heard that Oaklands Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form have been approved by the DfE to be a sponsoring academy. This academy is part of the Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust who are now carrying out checks on the school, meeting with Governors, the head teacher, and Business Manager to consider the implications of sponsoring Corpus Christi Primary School. Once the Trust have completed their due diligence and made their decision, the proposal will then be reviewed by the Regional School Commissioner on behalf of the DfE. If all parties discern that this is the best academy solution for our school we expect to convert to become an academy in Spring 2021.

In the most part parents, children and staff will see very little difference to the school once we become an academy. We will continue to be named Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School. Our school uniform will not change and we will continue to ensure our mission "To live our lives like Jesus" will remain at the heart of the school. Teachers and support staff will continue to work with the children offering them care, guidance and opportunities to become the best person they can be. We will strive for excellence in all that we do with a determined focus on being judged as a GOOD school with many outstanding features by this time next year.

We will continue to keep parents informed as the conversion progresses but please do contact Miss Clark or the Governors if you have any queries or questions.

Best wishes

T Blair
Chair of Governors

U Clark
Headteacher