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## **St Agatha's Catholic Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have heard in recent Government announcements and white paper, schools are being strongly encouraged to join or form multi academy trusts. This is very much in line with the vision of our Diocese and the will of the Archbishop.

In anticipation of this, a group of schools in Kingston and Richmond have been in discussions about forming a multi academy trust to further develop Catholic education in our area and to protect the uniqueness of our schools and preserve their individual identity, so that they can continue to serve our local communities.

The Governing Bodies of each school have agreed in principle to form the Christ the Redeemer Catholic Education Trust based on a shared commitment to the common good. The schools who have agreed to move forward are as follows:

- Richard Challoner Secondary, New Malden (Academy)
- Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary, Tolworth (VA)
- St Agatha's Catholic Primary, Kingston (Academy)
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary Kingston (VA)
- Corpus Christi Catholic Primary, New Malden (VA)
- St Osmund's Catholic Primary, Barnes (VA)
- St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary, Mortlake (VA)
- St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary, Richmond (VA)

A working party has been set up to progress the formation of the Catholic Education Trust and once we have more detailed plans to share we will organise a formal consultation process to take into account the views of staff and parents.

St Agatha's is currently a standalone academy school, so I hope you agree that this is an exciting opportunity to secure our future and also to join with other Catholic schools to work in collaboration and support of one another to maintain a strong presence for Catholic Education in our Diocese and in Kingston and Richmond.

Yours sincerely,

**Colin Rand**

**Chair of Governors, on behalf of St Agatha's Governing Board**

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