



St Joseph's Primary
Market Harborough



Sacred Heart
Primary Leicester



St Joseph's Primary
Leicester



St John Fisher
Primary Wigston



St Thomas More
Primary Leicester

**St Joseph's School, Market Harborough, Sacred Heart School, Leicester,
St Joseph's School, Leicester, St John Fisher School, Wigston and St Thomas More School,
Leicester: Proposed Conversion to Academy Status and establishing a Multi-Academy Trust**

Earlier this year the Nottingham Diocesan Education Service established the principle of a model of partnership working between clusters of schools, the Multi-Academy Trust model, in which Catholic Schools could convert to Academy status whilst safeguarding their distinctive Catholic ethos and ensuring that no school in the Diocese would be left in a vulnerable position.

Having considered the Nottingham Diocesan guidance the Governing Bodies of St Joseph's School, Market Harborough, Sacred Heart School, Leicester, St Joseph's School, Leicester, St John Fisher School, Wigston and St Thomas More School, Leicester wish to consult you on a proposal to formalise the already strong partnership working between them by coming together to establish a Multi-Academy Trust in early 2012.

In considering conversion to academy status the over-riding concerns of the Governing Bodies are to ensure that our schools continue to provide the best standard of education and care to our pupils, to preserve the Catholic ethos within our schools and to continue to serve our wider Catholic Communities.

Therefore, your views are important to us and we are keen to know them before coming to a decision on whether to take the proposals any further.

Consultation is running from Friday 23rd September to noon on Monday 31st October. You will find further information on the proposal in the statement for stakeholders and on the school website:

www.stjosephs.leics.sch.uk

We are holding the following consultation events;

- 2pm, Wednesday 5th October at Sacred Heart
- 7pm, Thursday 6th October at St. John Fisher
- 7pm, Wednesday 12th October at St. Josephs
- 7pm, Monday 24th October at St Josephs (Market Harborough)
- 7pm, Tuesday 25th October at St Thomas More

We would encourage you to attend any of the events, consider the arguments for and against conversion and share your views. As well as using the forums you can e-mail your views to office@stjosephs.leics.sch.uk or write to the Head teachers at any of our schools.

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