

St Francis Roman Catholic Primary School

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Letter from Daniel Copley CEO Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust

1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Body has asked me to meet with you to discuss our conversion to an academy and St Francis RC Primary School becoming part of Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust. This has been directed by the Government following the direct academy order.

Once the conversion takes place we would no longer be tied to the Local Authority. Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust is a group of like-minded schools where the desire to improve what they can offer to our children is driven by Gospel values. The conversion is due to take place on April 1st 2024.

Our children will not notice any immediate difference, they will be in the same uniform, in the same classrooms with the same teaching staff. We would still have the same name and be part of our parish family. In time the children will benefit from the extra freedom given to us as an academy and the additional autonomy over our spending as well as the impact of collaboration with other schools within the Trust and the support and challenge provided by the Trust team.



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As an academy we think that we will have the flexibility to secure and build on our strengths so our children can continue to achieve their best and we can continue to give them the greatest opportunities that we can. We want the brightest of futures for our children and believe this move will allow us to build on our successes of the past.

If you have any comments to make or questions to ask at this time, please can you email them to academy@st-francis.manchester.sch.uk

If you would like to discuss this further, I will be in school on Tuesday 19th March at 2.45pm

Kind regards,

Daniel Copley

CEO Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust

