



Dear Parent

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In this letter, we would like to update you all on the progress of the Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

Having considered the Leeds Diocesan guidance, and having received conditional Diocesan approval, the Governing Bodies of Sacred Heart Ilkley, St Mary's Horsforth, St Mary's Menston, St Joseph's Otley and St Joseph's Pudsey have consulted on a proposal to formalise the already strong partnership working between them by coming together to establish a Multi-Academy Trust.

The results of the consultation have been considered by the schools and each governing body has decided to apply to the DfE to convert to an Academy under the same Trust. Ss Peter and Paul Yeadon have also decided to apply, which means that at the moment the trust would potentially contain six schools.

We are now going to draw down the funds from the DfE to make an application and start the process. At the moment, the intention is to convert from 1st March 2013. We want to continue to keep everyone informed and will update you with information as it becomes available. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask them via email at a.tindall@stmarysmenston.org

Yours in Christ

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