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Sutton CE - Our Next steps in Flourishing Together

Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders

As a Governing Body we have considered academisation on an annual basis as recommended by the Local Authority (LA) and Diocese. You may also be aware that a few of our local schools have already converted to academy status and joined a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). The time is now right for Sutton CE to pursue a consultation about academisation. Both the LA and the Diocese are keen for all schools to academise and currently there is a wide range of Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) to choose from. However, this choice pool will reduce as MATs start to reach their maximum number of schools. Sutton CE is in a strong position with a recent 'Good' Ofsted rating, we have therefore been able to select from a wide choice of appropriate Multi-Academy-Trusts and approach the one that is right for our school, our ethos and vision, and allows our school to maintain its individual character.

We are pleased to be starting the consultation process with a considered view to joining Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust. This is a Trust with a vision that encompasses our school vision of '*Flourish Together, in the Love of God, to Live Life in all its Fullness*' and we are excited that this will enable Sutton CE to consolidate and continue in the progress it is making, offer additional support and resources whilst continuing to ensure all children, staff and families have the opportunity to flourish.

The Governing Body has dedicated much time and effort into exploring academisation and we agree there are many positive reasons for making this decision. We hope the attached letters of explanation and page of FAQs will go towards helping explain some of these reasons to alleviate any concerns. As detailed in the letter there is both the opportunity for responding via feedback forms and to attending a meeting in school to find out more. We look forward to hearing from you and embarking on this exciting journey together.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

For and on behalf of the Full Governing Board

