

# St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School & Nursery | St Sebastian's Daycare

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## UPDATE REGARDING ARCHDIOCESAN ACADEMISATION STRATEGY

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to keep families informed about the Archdiocese of Liverpool's academisation strategy and what this currently means for St Sebastian's.

In April 2026, the Archdiocese held a launch event for Headteachers and Chairs of Governors from Catholic schools across the Archdiocese to outline its strategy for the future academisation of Catholic schools.

As part of this wider strategy, St Sebastian's has been identified by the Archdiocese as a Wave 2 school, with St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust (SJCMAT) identified as the proposed Trust for our school.

I want to be clear that **St Sebastian's did not approach or apply to join SJCMAT and our Governing Body has not made a decision to convert to academy status**. Our inclusion within Wave 2 forms part of the wider Archdiocesan strategy.

### What happens next?

We have recently received further correspondence from SJCMAT regarding the next stage of the process. The information provided indicates that the longer-term proposal is for Wave 2 schools to join SJCMAT from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2027.

An extraordinary meeting of our Governing Body has therefore been arranged specifically for representatives from the Archdiocese and SJCMAT to meet with governors. This will provide governors with an opportunity to hear further information directly, understand the proposed process and timescales, ask questions and consider the appropriate next steps.

**No decision has been made by St Sebastian's Governing Body to convert to academy status at this stage.**

There are a number of stages that would take place before any conversion, including formal consultation. The guidance provided by SJCMAT states that no final decision should be taken until consultation has concluded and the responses received have been considered.

Should the Governing Body agree to proceed to formal consultation, parents and carers will be provided with further information and will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their views as part of that process. Staff, trade unions and other stakeholders will also be consulted. SJCMAT identifies parents, staff, the wider local community, trade unions and the Local Authority as stakeholders within the process.

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## **Further information**

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has published information and supporting documentation regarding its academisation strategy on its website. Parents and carers who would like to find out more about the wider Archdiocesan strategy can access the published information here:

[Archdiocese of Liverpool – Academies and Academisation](#)

This includes the Archbishop's keynote address, the presentation shared as part of the launch of the strategy and other supporting information.

I appreciate that families may hear or read information about academisation from a range of sources and that there may understandably be questions about what this could mean for St Sebastian's.

At this stage, there will inevitably be questions to which we do not yet have answers and I do not want to speculate about matters that have not yet been clarified. My priority is to ensure that our families receive accurate information relating specifically to St Sebastian's and that we approach the process openly and transparently.

I will continue to keep families informed as the process develops. If the Governing Body agrees to proceed to formal consultation, we will ensure that parents and carers are given appropriate information and a meaningful opportunity to contribute and have their views heard before the matter is considered further.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of St Sebastian's and our school community.

Kind regards,

Mrs J McCormick

Mr P Moloney

Headteacher

Chair of Governors

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