ALL SAINTS INTER-CHURCH SINGLE ACADEMY TRUST

PARENT AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Proposal to Join ACT Multi Academy Trust (MAT) and

Change Religious Designation to Church of England

Foreword from the Chair of Trustees

As Chair of Trustees, I am pleased to present this consultation document regarding an important proposal for the future of All Saints Inter-Church Academy. Significant improvements have been made in leadership, governance, safeguarding, and curriculum development since January 2025. However, trustees believe joining ACT MAT will provide long-term sustainability, school improvement capacity and resilience needed to secure the best outcomes for pupils. We encourage all parents and members of the community to consider the proposals and share their views during this consultation.

Purpose of this Consultation

To seek views on the proposed transfer of All Saints Inter-Church Academy into ACT MAT and the proposed change of religious designation from an interchurch nature of Church of England and Catholic to Church of England only.

Background

All Saints was established jointly by the Catholic Church and the Church of England and became a Single Academy Trust in 2013. Trustees believe that the increasing governance, financial and compliance responsibilities associated with being a standalone academy make a Multi Academy Trust solution the best option for long-term sustainability.

Why is Change Being Proposed?

The school has faced educational, governance, financial and operational challenges over recent years. Significant improvements have been made since January 2025, but trustees consider that remaining a standalone academy would continue to present risks.

Why ACT MAT?

Trustees undertook a detailed due diligence process which involved the consideration of three Anglican Trusts, and concluded ACT MAT is the strongest fit due to alignment with the school's Christian vision, Diocese of Ely context, school improvement support, safeguarding expertise and commitment to preserving school identity. It is also important that we protect the catholic heritage of the school.

How School Identity Will Be Preserved

Joining ACT MAT will not change the unique character of All Saints. The school's name, SHINE values (Service, Hope, Integrity, Nurture and Excellence), local traditions, community relationships and Christian ethos will remain central to school life. The school will continue to serve local families, celebrate its distinctive history, maintain strong parish partnerships, and retain its own identity within ACT MAT. Trustees will also work with ACT MAT and both dioceses to ensure the Catholic heritage of the school is recognised and celebrated as part of its future development.

Proposed Change of Religious Designation

On joining ACT MAT the school would become a Church of England school. The inter-church designation would cease. The school will continue to provide Christian education and remain welcoming to pupils and families of all faiths and none, including Catholic families.

Protecting Heritage

The historic partnership between the Catholic Church and Church of England is a valued part of the school's story. This legacy will continue to be celebrated through relationships, values and community engagement.

Benefits for Pupils and Families

Benefits include stronger school improvement support, enhanced staff development, wider collaboration opportunities, greater financial resilience, improved access to expertise, and stronger governance and safeguarding support.

Consultation Timeline

- Consultation Launch; Monday 21st September 2026
- Parents will be invited to a face-to-face session in school, date to be confirmed, in the school hall to discuss this with the Chair of Trustees and School Leadership Team.
- Consultation Closes; Friday 16th October 2026
- Trustee Consideration of Feedback.
- DfE Approval Process 2026
- Proposed Transfer Date: 1 January 2027.

Sincerely, Jacqueline McCamphill, Chair of Trustees

Appendix A: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is the school joining ACT MAT?

A: To secure long-term sustainability and access wider support.

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A: It was identified as the best fit through a detailed due diligence process by All Saints Trustees. This process also included a vital step of gaining approval from both Bishops, and the Ely Diocese Education Committee.

Q: Will pupils be affected?

A: The aim is to improve opportunities and support without disruption.

Q: Will Catholic families still be welcome?

A: Yes.

Q: Will the school remain Christian?

A: Yes, as a Church of England school.

Q: Will the school identity be preserved?

A: Yes, including SHINE values, local traditions, community links, and heritage.

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Consultation Response Form

Name: _____

Relationship to School: _____

1. Do you support the proposal to join ACT MAT? Yes / No / Unsure

Comments:

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2. Do you support the proposal to change designation to Church of England? Yes / No / Unsure

Comments:

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3. What benefits do you see in these proposals?

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4. What concerns do you have?

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5. Any other comments, questions, or suggestions?

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We would like to invite you to attend a face-to-face meeting with the Chair of Trustees and School Leadership Team week commencing 5 October (date to be confirmed), at 3.45pm in the school hall should you have any further questions.

School will confirm the next shortly.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this feedback form.