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Responses to the Change of Faith Consultation Questions Raised by Parents

A Note on What Will Change and What Will Stay the Same

The proposed transfer would primarily change the school's governance arrangements, with All Saints becoming part of ACT Multi-Academy Trust and moving from Inter-Church status to become a Church of England Academy.

All Saints would remain a Christian school, with Christian values continuing to underpin school life. Pupils would continue to attend the same school, be taught by the same staff and benefit from the caring and inclusive environment that families value. The aim of joining ACT is to strengthen the school's long-term future by providing access to additional expertise, collaboration, and opportunities available through a family of schools.

1. Will additional SEND support be available if the move takes place? If so, what form might this support take?

Joining ACT Multi-Academy Trust would provide All Saints with access to a wider network of SEND expertise and support.

The Trust employs specialist leaders who work across its schools to support SEND provision, including strategic oversight, quality assurance, and the sharing of effective practice. Schools within the Trust also benefit from collaboration between SEND professionals, staff development opportunities and access to specialist advice when supporting pupils with complex needs.

Whilst no immediate changes to individual pupils' SEND provision are proposed as a direct result of academisation, being part of a larger Trust would provide greater capacity to strengthen provision over time where required.

2. Will there be any changes to the curriculum because of joining the Trust?

ACT Multi-Academy Trust is committed to providing a broad, ambitious, and inclusive curriculum that enables all pupils to flourish.

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Should the transfer proceed, there would be opportunities for school leaders to work alongside Trust colleagues to review and strengthen aspects of the curriculum through access to shared expertise, resources, subject leadership support, and professional development.

Any changes would be carefully considered and introduced over time, with the aim of enhancing educational opportunities and outcomes for pupils.

3. Will there be any changes to the school's logo, uniform or branding following the removal of the inter-church element? If changes are planned, will children be able to continue wearing existing uniform items displaying the current logo?

The only significant change currently identified relates to the school's name, with the words "Inter-Church" being removed to reflect the school's proposed designation as a Church of England Academy.

No decisions have been made regarding changes to the school's logo, branding or uniform, and there are currently no plans to introduce any changes in these areas.

Should any future changes be considered necessary, parents would be informed well in advance and appropriate transition arrangements would be put in place to minimise any inconvenience or financial impact on families.

4. Will the Trust have any involvement in the recruitment of the new Headteacher?

Yes. If the transfer proceeds, ACT Multi-Academy Trust would work closely with the Governing Body and diocesan representatives throughout the recruitment process.

Joining a multi-academy trust provides access to experienced educational leaders who can support recruitment and selection, helping to ensure the strongest possible candidates are attracted to the role and that the school secures high-quality leadership for the future.

Any appointment would be made in accordance with the agreed governance arrangements and relevant statutory guidance.

5. What immediate changes, if any, will pupils notice if the move goes ahead?

For most pupils, there would be very few immediate changes following transfer.

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Children would continue to attend the same school, be taught by the same staff and learn alongside their friends. Over time, pupils may benefit from wider opportunities available through ACT Multi-Academy Trust, including curriculum development, enrichment opportunities, and access to specialist expertise from across the Trust.

6. What does this mean for my child's education?

The proposed transfer is intended to secure the long-term future and development of All Saints by enabling the school to become part of a larger family of schools.

For pupils, the aim is to enhance educational opportunities through access to additional expertise, resources, and collaborative working between schools, whilst maintaining the strong Christian ethos and sense of community that families value.

7. Has consideration been given to the impact of no longer being a feeder school to St John Fisher Catholic High School?

We recognise that this is an important consideration for some families and understand the strength of feeling surrounding the school's long-standing Catholic heritage and relationship with St John Fisher Catholic High School.

All Saints has a proud inter-church history and greatly values the contribution that both Anglican and Catholic traditions have made to the life of the school.

The specific admissions arrangements for St John Fisher Catholic High School are determined by the Catholic Diocese and the governing body of the secondary school. As such, any future feeder school arrangements would not be solely within the control of All Saints or ACT Multi-Academy Trust.

However, should the transfer proceed, we would be keen to work positively with both dioceses and local church schools to explore opportunities for All Saints pupils to continue accessing church-based secondary education pathways wherever possible. We recognise the importance many families place on faith-based education and would seek to maintain strong relationships with local faith communities and schools.

We are proud of the school's Catholic heritage and the role it has played in shaping the distinctive Christian character of All Saints.

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We are aware of parents' concerns regarding the future priority of All Saints' pupil admissions to St John Fisher High School, particularly amongst non-Catholic parents. As St John Fisher is an over-subscribed Catholic school, priority will always be given to Cath5olic children. The Diocese of East Anglia and St John Fisher School are currently looking at the school's admissions policy to determine whether there is a way of giving some priority to All Saints children for a time-limited period. However, this may not be possible given the popularity of St John Fisher. Where a change is made, the school will consult on its arrangements in line with the requirements of the Admissions Code of Practice.