

Tuesday 5th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you as part of our ongoing commitment to open communication, to keep you informed, and to offer reassurance as valued members of the Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School community.

As you may be aware, the Archdiocese of Liverpool has established a long-term strategic plan for all Catholic schools to move towards academy status. Within this framework, Our Lady Immaculate has been identified as part of the first group of schools (*Wave 1*) and would join St Joseph's Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (CMAT). This is due to our role as a feeder primary school to Notre Dame Catholic Academy, which is already part of St Joseph's CMAT.

At this point, the Governing Body are at a very early and exploratory stages of discussions with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and St Joseph's CMAT. We recognise that this may feel uncertain and that information is limited at present. No decisions have been made, and governors are committed to a careful and considered process, keeping the school community informed as discussions progress and further details become available.

I would like to reassure you about what will remain unchanged. Our children will continue to be at the heart of everything we do. Their wellbeing, happiness and learning will guide all decisions. Our Catholic ethos, values and daily life as a faith-filled school community will remain central to who we are. The care, stability and high-quality education that your children experience at Our Lady Immaculate will continue.

We felt it was important to share this information with you at an early stage, in a spirit of trust and transparency. Please be assured that we will communicate thoughtfully and clearly as matters develop, and that there will be opportunities to receive further information and ask questions when appropriate.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and trust. Our strength lies in our strong sense of community, and we move forward together with faith, confidence and a shared commitment to our children.

Yours sincerely

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