



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Local Resident (s) / Member (s) of our Local Community,

My name is Colin Crehan, the Headteacher at Holy Trinity Catholic school, Oakley Road, Small Heath, Birmingham B10 0AX. I have had the pleasure to meet and talk with many of you, whether that has been during your attendance to our Christmas Party, through your use of our facilities in our lettings programme, through our collaboration to solve issues with our trees or simply when we have met in the street or when you have walked past school. At the outset of this letter, I acknowledge that in the busyness of our everyday lives, this opportunity to talk is at time sparing and I would welcome any suggestions on how we could collaborate more in the future. This is of course especially prevalent to residents I have not spoken with at all yet. It is clear that these past months have been extremely challenging. Lockdown and isolation have affected us all in similar and more personal ways. We have found closing our doors to the majority of our pupils and local members of our community to be extremely difficult. You will all have your stories to tell and I hope that if good is to come out of this it will be that the bonds of community our strengthened and that we all learn that we are stronger together.

I am writing to inform you about some positive news for our school and would welcome a dialogue with you about this matter should you wish to talk it through with me. I have shared this news with a number of you informally when we have spoken in recent months. Prior to lockdown, the school has received a commitment from the Local Authority for a substantial amount of money to improve its facilities. Over the past year, we have supported the Local Authority to place some additional pupils with us due to a population bulge and a shortage of secondary places across the city. In return and because of our ageing and hugely deteriorating premises, the Local Authority is investing to improve the educational and social life chances of our pupils and equally to regenerate an aspect of this part of the city to enhance the community for all. Academy Directors, Local Governors and Leaders are delighted by this opportunity, as our school has encountered real hardship in recent times and a genuine fear around buildings lasting and being viable in the medium and longer term. A higher proportion of our children are disadvantaged compared to the national average and I feel it to be a moral purpose to ensure that all youngsters achieve the very best standard of education. Now we are proudly sitting as a fully subscribed school with the best GCSE results in our local area. It is my ambition



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that this excellence is sustained with the pupils in Small Heath having the best and highest standard of education in the years to come. As we have always worked well together, I feel it is important to share this news with you before any formal consultation is to take place.

How will this money be spent? A significant proportion will be spent on the restoration and refurbishment of existing buildings. In addition, it is proposed that a modest sized one story building will be built in the St Catherine's area of school, taking the place of an unused and overgrown part of the grounds. A bonus to this work will be that the trees that have caused problems to residents in the past will be removed and the surrounding area given a really good tidy up. In line with Department for Education (DFE) guidelines, it is proposed that a new Sports Hall will be built in our main playground. Again, this will be one storey and will be the first time that children of this school will enjoy this entitlement and privilege. Again, an added bonus of this work will be that existing problems in our perimeter is improved for residents and school. As we have done in the past, it would be lovely to welcome our local residents into school to enjoy this wonderful new build as part of our lettings programme.

In terms of the next stages, school is required to submit an application to expand to the Department of Education (DFE). School is also required to seek planning permission for its proposed new buildings in the coming weeks. A formal consultation programme will take place over a 28-day period beginning on the 1st June. In different circumstances, I would really like to have invited you into school to discuss this in person and to answer any questions that you may have. Hopefully this can happen in time if social distancing rules are modified. In the meantime I value and welcome your input so please contact me directly either via e-mail ccrehan@hollytrc.bham.sch.uk or by telephone on 0121 772 - 0184.

To conclude, I wish you and your families the very best in the coming weeks as we all adjust to a new way of life. For those who are observing Ramadan, I wish you a very blessed and faith-filled end to this great time of prayer, fasting and spiritual preparedness.

Yours sincerely,

C Crehan

Mr C Crehan (Headteacher)



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