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Dear Parents, Staff and Community,

Consultation to Convert to Academy Status

Following the recent consultation period, the Interim Executive Board have considered all of the feedback and views in order to make the decision on whether to complete the academisation process. Thank you for all your responses which can be viewed on the website.

Considering all our options and in the best interests of the schools, we have made the decision for The Saints Federation to join the St. Benet's multi -academy trust and have been in communication with the CEO, Richard Cranmer.

However, the timing of our move to academy status is not within our control. The move to join the trust is being held up by their capacity and the set timeframes that they have to agree with the Department of Education. We have requested an early consideration and have been approved by the trust but the delay of up to twelve months is not what we anticipated.

This really is out of our control but we continue to be in communication and to work with the trust in this transition period. We will keep you updated of any further developments.

In the meantime, please be assured that the IEB is focused on its school improvement strategy to ensure good provision in all three schools.

Executive Headteacher

We advertised for an Executive Headteacher but have not yet been able to recruit a suitable candidate for this federation of schools. We will be going ahead with another recruitment round this term. I am pleased to say that Miss Price has been able to extend her contract for another term until we find a permanent Executive Headteacher so that staff and pupils have stability.

Kind regards,

Kay Swann

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Chair IEB
The Saints Federation