

Oxton St Saviour's CofE Primary School

Conversion Consultation

Parents/ Carers Consultation

17th May 2023



# Our Values

***"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12:30-31***

This, the greatest commandment, inspires our community to grow together in Christ our Saviour, to love and serve one another, to reach out in witness to our neighbours, live in peace with one another and promote life in all its fullness.



# Introduction - Agenda

- ▶ **Welcome & Introductions**
- ▶ **What is an academy?**
- ▶ **Reasons for considering to convert to academy status**
- ▶ **Why Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT)?**



# What is an academy?

- ▶ Academies receive funding directly from the government and are run by an Academy Trust.
- ▶ Academies have more autonomy over how they do things.
- ▶ Academies are inspected by Ofsted.
- ▶ Academy Trusts are not-for-profit companies. They employ the staff and have trustees who are responsible for the performance of the academies in the trust.
- ▶ Conversion usually takes around 6 months.



# Reasons we are considering academy status

- ▶ The collaborative and network partnerships.
- ▶ The continuous professional development for all staff.
- ▶ Six half-day visits allow for quality assurance by the CEO and education effectiveness officer.
- ▶ The wealth of training available to provide the best possible opportunities for our pupils.
- ▶ Christian Distinctiveness from a Diocesan Academy Trust.



# Why Convert Now?

- ▶ Current changes in education.
- ▶ Training and Professional development: benefit to pupils and staff; sharing of good practise to ensure best possible education for all.
- ▶ This will allow us to build on our strengths as well as developing our potential.



# Why Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT)?

- ▶ The close links that CDAT already have with The Chester Diocese Board of Education (DBE)
- ▶ The distinctive ethos that is rooted in clear, Christian values.
- ▶ Just like CDAT we are committed to valuing the uniqueness of every child; aspiring to excellence; developing a nurturing learning community for all.
- ▶ We want all of our children and community to follow Jesus' words "I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness" (John 10:10).



# What will stay the same?

- ▶ No changes to:
  - ▶ The school name
  - ▶ The school day
  - ▶ Curriculum
  - ▶ Uniform
  - ▶ The LGB will continue to provide support and challenge





Proposal is for  
Oxton St Saviour's CofE Aided Primary  
School  
to convert to academy status and join  
Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT)  
on **1<sup>st</sup> February 2024**



# CDAT's Vision

**Jesus said, 'I have come in order that you might have life, life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10)**

Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' lies at the heart of the Church of England's Vision for Education, and also underpins CDAT's work as the multi-academy trust serving the Diocese of Chester. We believe that all children deserve to go to great schools, and that, at the centre of great schools sit excellent school leaders, teachers and staff.

CDAT wants every child to experience 'life in all its fullness': to have outstanding learning opportunities; opportunities to act, sing, dance, play sport and be artistic; opportunities to make lifelong friendships, help those in need and become full and rounded individuals; opportunities to develop and pursue ambitions. In short, we want the very best for all of our children.



# CDAT's Approach

CDAT doesn't take a top-down, corporate approach with its schools – we don't look to change school names/uniforms/badges, nor do we have a 'CDAT curriculum' that we expect all schools to follow, or insist on all schools using the same 'schemes' for maths, phonics and the like.

We recognise that our schools are very different – each serving its own community – and that a 'one size fits all' approach wouldn't work: our aim is to help each school be the very best version of itself that it can be. Each of our schools still has its own local Governing Body, providing local knowledge and accountability.

Across the Trust there is an enormous amount of expertise and excellent practice. We see the Trust as a thriving learning community where staff and schools work together to help each other to continually improve.

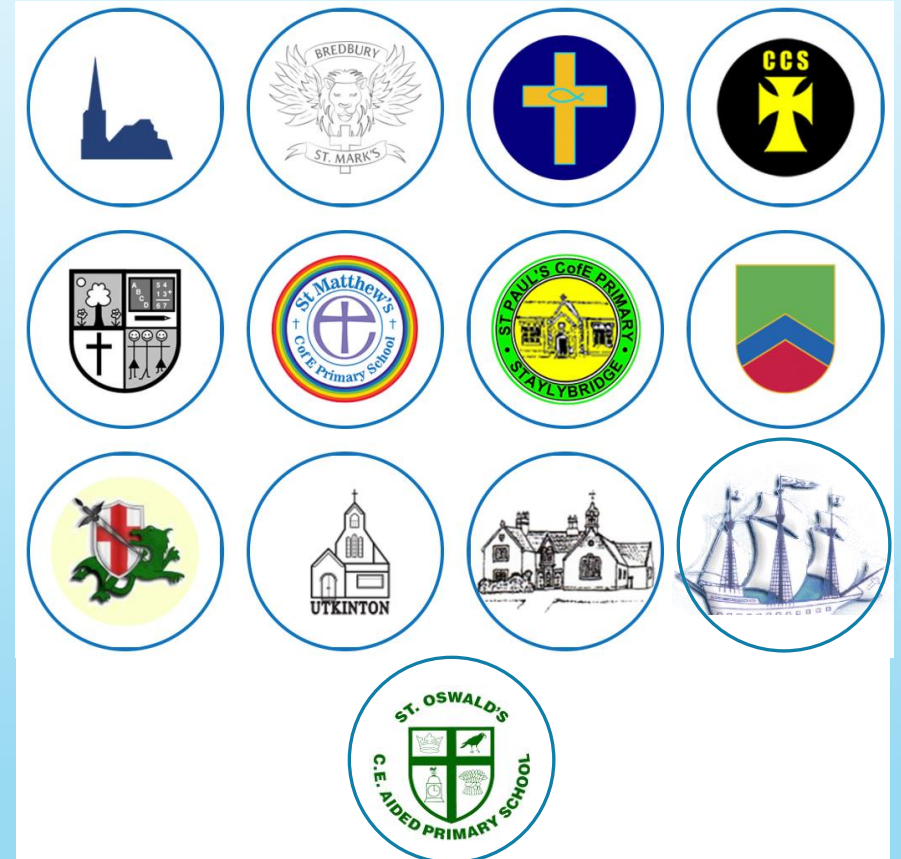


# CDAT Family of Schools

While our schools all have their own unique identity, they are also all part of the CDAT family of schools. All are church schools within Chester Diocese.

Currently CDAT has 13 schools within the Trust. These are in Cheshire, Stockport/Tameside and Wirral. One more school (In Warrington) joins CDAT on 1<sup>st</sup> June. There are about a dozen more schools at the consultation or formal application stage.

We are developing a 'cluster' model, so schools can work with other local CDAT schools as well as across the trust. We have 2 Wirral schools in the trust at the moment and are really excited that 2 more Wirral schools are currently at the consultation stage.



# CDAT People

- ▶ Trust is overseen by a Board of Trustees – like the Governing Body in a school
- ▶ They delegate day-to-day running of the Trust to the CEO (Neil) – just as governors delegate the running of the school to the Headteacher
- ▶ The CEO is supported by the Trust's Central Team:
  - ▶ Jane (Director of Finance) and the finance/operations team
  - ▶ Sue, Emma and Leanne (School Advisors)
  - ▶ Emma (Admin)
- ▶ CDAT also work with a range of 'professional partners' – specialists in HR, payroll, legal, buildings, health & safety etc.



# CDAT Summary

- ▶ All children deserve to go to a great school – our job as a Trust is to help each of our schools be the best it can be
- ▶ Some of the most powerful school improvement comes through schools working together, sharing good practice and investing in their staff
- ▶ Our family of schools work well together, and we're excited about increasing opportunities for local clusters of CDAT schools to collaborate, take part in joint events etc.
- ▶ We don't believe in change for the sake of it, and we don't take a corporate approach; we want all of our schools to retain their own unique identity
- ▶ Our work is underpinned by the vision for all of our children to experience 'life in all its fullness'



# Timeline of activity

- ▶ Formal consultation **9<sup>th</sup> May 2023** to **12<sup>th</sup> June 2023**
- ▶ Consultation report and findings – **June 2023**
- ▶ Governors to make a decision on whether to proceed
- ▶ Proposed opening date of conversion and joining CDAT  
**1<sup>st</sup> February 2024**
- ▶ Regular communication with staff / parents / carers / pupils / community



*Any thoughts or questions?*

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