



# Hoole Church of England Primary School

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Hoole Church of England Primary School - Proposed Academy Conversion

At Hoole Church of England Primary School, we are always looking at how we can develop our school so that we continue to provide the very best learning opportunities for all our children. Our aim is to maintain all the good and great things that we do, improve where necessary and continue to strive for excellence.

Following consideration, our Governors decided that they would like to explore academy status further and recently we have been working with Chester Diocese to explore the possibility of creating an academy trust in partnership with the Diocese and other local church schools. The Diocese of Chester already run a successful Multi Academy Trust, Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT) who runs 18 schools in Cheshire, The Wirral and Stockport and Tameside. You can find more information about CDAT here: <https://www.cdat.co.uk/>

The name of the proposed new Trust is Chester Diocesan Learning Trust.

A Multi Academy Trust (MAT) is a partnership of schools who work together under a formal agreement for the benefit of all in the partnership. Each school in the MAT benefits from being stronger together, whilst retaining its own leadership and day to day decision making. Academy schools have greater freedom to choose how they apply their funding and resources and design their curriculum. Any changes made will be based upon retaining our core ethos and values, and our commitment to delivering outstanding education for our children.

### **Chester Diocesan Learning Trust**

The vision for the Trust is for it to facilitate the building of thriving learning communities that provide everyone with the opportunity to achieve the very best with their gifts and abilities. This will be a fully inclusive trust with a vision and ethos firmly rooted in clear, core Christian values. The Trust is happy to work with Church and community schools, and our schools will welcome people of all faiths and none. We will offer an educational experience that is rooted in faith, hope and love. We will support our schools to ensure that their vision permeates all aspects of school life.

Children will be at the heart of the new Trust. We want every individual to develop knowledge, skills, understanding and wisdom, underpinned by values based on principles that are important to people of all faiths and no faith.

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

At the very forefront of the Trust's drive for improved educational standards is the determination to work together in partnership to enable the Trust to offer the best possible educational experience to all children in our local communities. It is our aspiration to become a hub of excellence, helping to promote the life chances of all children in our Trust.

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The strategic direction of the Trust is overseen by a Board of Directors who are tasked with ensuring the best outcomes for children across the Trust as well as ensuring its finances are managed well. The Board is made up of skilled professionals with extensive experience in education, finance, governance and the law.

The Trust shares the Governors' view that learning for both children and adults in the Trust is greater together as a group of schools in partnership. We can learn more together and make better provision together rather than schools operating separately. We have already been working with the other schools hoping to form the Trust in order to share best practice and develop a collaborative approach.

The governing body has decided to open a period of consultation to consider joining Chester Diocesan Learning Trust. The governors agreed that CDLT would have the most positive impact on our school and being further involved in this Trust will enable the school to further improve the quality of teaching and learning, putting children first and ensuring our values, ethos and core purpose thrive and flourish.

It is the view of the Board of Governors school that this is the best choice for Hoole Church of England Primary School.

In order to help inform our final decision, we would like to consult with all parents and stakeholders. We will take all responses into account alongside the wide range of information we will continue to gather and assess.

The consultation period will commence on **Monday January 20th 2025** and will include a Parents and Community Question and Answer session at school on **29<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm** which will include a presentation from school leaders. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but still have a question please email [CDLTConversions@craftededucation.co.uk](mailto:CDLTConversions@craftededucation.co.uk). The period for all comments to be considered and received will end on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. All of the questions and responses will be published on the Trust and School Websites after this date.

**If you intend to come to the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm, please register your attendance with the school Administration team by telephoning 01244 323890, emailing [admin@hooleprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hooleprimary.cheshire.sch.uk) or speaking to them directly.**

Further information on MATs in general can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions included with this letter.

Any decision as to whether to become part of Chester Diocesan Learning Trust has been taken by the full Governing Body based on what is best for our children, our families, our staff and our wider community.

We look forward to hearing your views on the conversion.

Kind regards,

**Rosalind Flanders**  
Headteacher

**Jolene Weaver**  
Chair of Governors

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