

The Corpus Christi Federation

*Incorporating Sacred Heart, St Helen's and
St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary Schools.*

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Monday 21st September 2026

Stakeholder Consultation on the Corpus Christi Federation joining St Francis Catholic MAT

Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders,

As you will be aware, the Bishop of Hallam took the decision for all schools in the Hallam Diocese to enter one of two Catholic MATs in Hallam, St Francis CMAT and St Clare CMAT with the Corpus Christi schools having been recently designated to St Francis CMAT. The IEB recently supported this decision and agreed to progress the application for the schools to join St Francis CMAT as soon as possible.

St Francis CMAT has already onboarded 14 of the 27 schools which are designated to join and has now been operating for four years. The Trust, whilst still growing and developing, has seen significant success in its support of schools and benefits from a wide and experienced community of school leaders, teachers and support staff.

In seeking to enter the Trust, our priority is to ensure we continue to provide a high-quality education for our pupils. We believe joining the St Francis CMAT will provide the freedom to make more effective and sustainable financial decisions, will support the development of staff and leaders and will secure our future and drive improvement for our children.

Before proceeding with the conversion, we are conducting a formal consultation in which we invite you to share your views and ask any questions you may have. The consultation begins today and will close on Friday 16th October 2026.

All stakeholders can respond to the consultation to give their views or ask questions using the following consultation link by the close of the consultation on the **16th October 2026**. Please click the link here:

[Stakeholder Consultation on the Corpus Christi Federation joining St Francis Catholic MAT – Fill in form](#)

Or enter: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/bqdn0T3WZN>

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We'd like to invite you to read through our answers to FAQs about this consultation, which you can find on our website [Academy Update | The Federation of Corpus Christi](#).

<https://www.federationcc.org.uk/academy-update/>

You can also learn more about the St Francis CMAT through their website www.stfcmat.com.

This is an exciting opportunity to shape our future and bring about positive change in the way we lead our schools, develop our character and values, continue to drive the best outcomes for our pupils and protect Catholic education for the future. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us as detailed above with any comments and questions you may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the IEB