

1st February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Today, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021, St Nicholas Owen and St Catherine of Siena Catholic MACs officially become the larger Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy Company.

We are delighted to welcome our staff, children, young people and families, of the following schools, into the Emmaus Catholic MAC community:

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School Our Lady and St Hubert's Catholic Primary School St Ambrose Catholic Primary School St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School St Gregory's Catholic Primary School St Mary's Catholic Primary School St Joseph's Catholic Primary School St Philip's Catholic Primary School St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School Hagley Catholic High School

The name Emmaus symbolises that we are all on a journey with our Lord, whether it be St Nicholas Owen and St Catherine of Siena MACs coming together, the children and young people in our schools on their education and life journeys, or other schools preparing to join us in the future.

The disciples' walk to Emmaus is described as beginning a developing experience of Christ. This relates well to our commitment to providing a Catholic education with Christ at the Centre. In addition, Jesus taught scripture to the disciples as they journeyed to Emmaus which resonates with us as educators in our Catholic schools. The road to Emmaus is not just a journey of life, it is a journey of learning, and as the Holy Father said in 2014. 'is a symbol of our path of faith'.

We have worked hard over the last few months to develop a motto, mission, vision and set of values which truly reflect what we do, what we stand for and what we are striving to become, as detailed below:

## Motto:

Our Journey with Christ

## Mission:

A family of schools, united in Christ and working as one, to provide the very best Catholic education, faith formation and personal growth, rooted in Gospel values

## Vision:

Excellent Catholic education for all in the heart of our communities: nourishing faith, nurturing talent, fostering aspiration

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Values: Believe	Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church are at the centre of all we do. We believe there is no limit to what, with Christ, we can attain.
Achieve	We encourage our staff and young people to: be curious about the world, embrace new ideas, meet challenges and aspire to reach the highest standards.
Sustain	As responsible stewards of our people, resources and environment, we promote sustainability to preserve Catholic education and protect our communities.
Share	We work collaboratively, with integrity and respect, to share expertise, training opportunities and best practice for the benefit of all.
Serve	We recognise the Christian call to serve within our schools and wider communities. By caring for others and putting their needs first, we acknowledge the gifts God has given us and recognise Christ in those we meet.

You will also see that we have a new logo mark which forms part of the Emmaus Catholic MAC brand. The logo mark comprises three main elements; the spiral device, the breaking of bread and the ellipsis device (three dots).

The journey to Emmaus is represented with a distinctive spiralling path in the shape of a lower case 'e' that suggests movement and progression. The three sections represent the three travellers spoken about in scripture, one of whom is Christ.

At the journey's end, at the centre of the logo, sits a representation of the bread and wine. This reminds us that the disciples recognised Christ in the breaking of the bread.

The three dots are also symbolic of the three travellers and represent the continuing nature of the faith journey with Christ at the Centre.

The Emmaus story will be our story and we will recount it to our children, young people, parents and stakeholders so that they recognise Emmaus Catholic MAC and everything that is so unique and special about us.

We look forward to working in collaboration with you, as we strive to provide the very best possible learning experience for our young people.

Please find attached an Emmaus Catholic MAC prayer card. We hope that you will take the time to come to know the Emmaus prayer and that you will say the prayer together, regularly, as a family, as we will in all our schools.

Yours sincerely

**Jo Griffin** Chair of Emmaus Catholic MAC

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