



# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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## NOTIFICATION OF DISSOLUTION OF THE FEDERATED GOVERNING BODY

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that, at a meeting of the **Federated Governing Body of St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School & Nursery, St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School & Nursery (including Field of Dreams Day Nursery & Extended Schools)** held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026, governors unanimously agreed to dissolve the federation.

This decision follows careful consideration of the long-term needs of each school and the most appropriate governance arrangements for the future. The dissolution will take effect from **Friday 1st May 2026**, after which each school will be served by its own individual governing body.

For context, the federation was established in April 2006, when St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School & Nursery, St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School & Nursery, and Field of Dreams Day Nursery became one of the first 'hard' federations of schools in the city. Each setting has always retained its own identity, leadership, and Head Teacher, while benefiting from the strategic oversight of a shared Governing Body. All three settings have continued to be inspected individually, ensuring that their distinct strengths and achievements are recognised.

Since the retirement of the Executive Headteacher, in 2020, both schools have continued to operate independently with separate Head Teachers, while still working under the shared governance structure. The decision to dissolve the federation reflects the natural evolution of this arrangement and the desire to ensure that each school's governance is best aligned to its current and future needs.

Please be assured that all statutory requirements will be met and that the transition will be carefully managed to ensure continuity for pupils, staff and families. Day-to-day school life will continue as normal, and the strong commitment to Catholic education and values remains unchanged.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this process.

Kind regards,

Mrs C. Bellis-Knox

Headteacher

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Mr P Moloney

Chair of Governors

