

Kent Catholic Schools Partnership

Subject: Trust Evaluation Project

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This message has been sent to: Executive Principals, Headteachers, Academy Principals, Chairs Executive Governing Bodies and Chairs of Local Governing Bodies

Dear colleagues,

The KCSP Board has commissioned an evaluation report from St Mary's University, Twickenham to inform the further development and improvement of the Partnership. We have our own sense of how the Partnership is performing, but of paramount importance to the Board are the views from the schools themselves. The aim of the evaluation project is to secure a better understanding of what those views are.

St Mary's will be looking at the extent to which the KCSP Directors, the Central Team and the Partnership are effectively:

- providing strategic leadership and operational guidance to the schools within the Partnership
- supporting schools better to serve the needs of their pupils and staff

To do that, St Mary's will be asking staff and governors at all levels across all the 24 schools to complete an online survey and asking a range of senior leaders and governors to participate (remotely) in interviews and focus groups. Responses from the survey and your input in interviews and focus groups will be anonymised when presented to the Board. The programme will be starting next week. We have not forgotten the pupil voice or that of parents/carers, but wish to keep the evaluation focused on the views of staff and governors at this stage.

I appreciate this is an exceptionally busy time but in current circumstances we do need to look to the future more than ever. So I ask and trust you will give the time when St Mary's approach you. My other request is that you be honest and frank. We do want to know what you think.

Any questions are best addressed to Michelle Boniface or Rachel Bushell but my email is always open.

Kind regards,



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