

Formal Consultation

Proposal to amend the religious designation of All Saints' Academy to a Church of England School as a result of the proposed withdrawal of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton as the co-sponsor of All Saints' Academy.

What is proposed for All Saints' Academy and why?

All Saints' Academy is currently a joint sponsor-led church academy sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton and the Anglican Diocese of Gloucester. It was established at a time when academisation followed a differing set of documentation and the educational landscape was significantly different. In light of significant educational changes the two Dioceses are formally seeking views on plans to change the religious designation of the academy to a Church of England School, following the proposed withdrawal of Clifton Diocese as a co-sponsor of the academy.

Both Bishops and trustees of each diocese are fully supportive of the proposal, believing it to be within the interests of the school community. Sole sponsorship, by Gloucester Diocese, and the resulting change in religious designation, will enable the academy to explore further opportunities for collaborative working, including the possibility of becoming part of a multi-academy trust. This would not be possible under existing arrangements owing to legal restrictions of governance by the Catholic church, whose primary aim is to safeguard and preserve the Catholic identity and Catholic faith within its schools.



What this means for All Saints' Academy?

The withdrawal of Clifton Diocese would mean that the Academy's religious designation would be amended to a Church of England school, with the Diocese of Gloucester becoming the sole sponsor of the Academy. Changes to the governance structure of the academy would also be needed to reflect this change.

As a Church of England school, the day to day running of the school would not be affected and it would remain an inclusive school, committed to serving its community. The Academy would continue to build on its vision to deliver excellent education, underpinned by its Christian values. The student experience would continue to be enriched through collaboration with the local community and local parishes, including its current Catholic ones, so that all students will continue to thrive and achieve their aspirations and God-given potential.

Despite the proposed formal withdrawal of Clifton Diocese as a sponsor, both Dioceses would be committed to continuing to work together to support the Christian ethos of the academy, ensuring that families who selected the academy, because of its distinctly joint Catholic and Anglican Foundation, are supported in understanding and experiencing the two respective Christian traditions. In practice this means that opportunities to attend Mass will continue to be provided and the spiritual life still supported through chaplaincy.

Would the change in religious designation affect the Admissions arrangements in the future?

Recognising the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of the community, the academy would continue to welcome students of all faiths or none which would be reflected in its admissions arrangements. However, the Academy Trust will be required to undertake a separate statutory consultation on its Admissions arrangements for 2020 as a result of the designated faith change. With the proposed withdrawal of the Catholic Diocese, and change in religious designation, this consultation will include amendments to the admissions criteria. For more information regarding the admissions consultation, please visit: www.asachelt.org/188/admissions-1 or contact : Admissions Officer, All Saints' Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham, GL51 0WH.

What happens next?

Action	Dates
Consultation closes	30 November
Gloucester and Clifton Dioceses consider the outcome of the consultation and whether to submit a Business Case to the Regional Schools' Commissioner in order to move forward with the proposed change.	January 2019
The final decision is made on the proposed amendments to sponsorship by the Department for Education (DfE)	To be confirmed
If agreed by the DfE, Clifton Diocese withdraw as sponsor	on or before September 2020.

How do I tell you my views?

You can give us your comments by completing the attached questionnaire.

This should be returned to us at the following postal address:

All Saints' Academy Consultation
The Education Department
Diocese of Gloucester
4 College Green
Gloucester
GL1 2LR

You can also download the questionnaire from the following website:

www.gloucester.anglican.org/education

and submit your responses electronically to:
education@glosdioc.org.uk

Completed questionnaires must reach us by **5pm on 30 November 2018.**

We are committed to protecting personal information. All of your answers will be treated in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

If you would like this booklet in another language, large print, braille or audiotape, please contact us on education@glosdioc.org.uk or contact Fay Price on 01452 835539.

SECTION A

The change in religious designation as a result of the proposed withdrawal of Clifton Diocese from the co-sponsorship of All Saints' Academy, Cheltenham.

From the information provided, do you understand the reasons why Gloucester Diocese and Clifton Diocese (the two sponsors) are consulting on the change in religious designation?

Yes No

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes?

Strongly agree Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

SECTION B

Comments

Please make any additional comments in the box below.

SECTION C

About You

Are you a Please tick all that apply

- Parent/carer with a child currently at All Saints' Academy
- Parent/carer with a child currently at a local primary school
- Parent/carer with a child currently at another school, sixth form or FE college other than All Saints' Academy staff
- Local resident Governor Member of a local church
(please specify which church) Other
(please specify)

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Please return this form to:
All Saints' Academy Consultation
The Education Department
The Diocese of Gloucester
4 College Green
Gloucester
GL1 2LR

Or email: education@glosdioc.org.uk