

Proposal to close St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School and change the age range of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School from 7 to 11 years to 3 to 11 years, to form one primary school for both infant and junior pupils from 1 September 2020

Part 1 – Proposal to close St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School on 31 August 2020

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the federated Governing Body of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School and St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School, intends to close St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School, a voluntary aided school, Vanda Crescent, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 5EX, on 31 August 2020.

This proposal is linked to and conditional upon the proposal to change the age range of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School from 7 to 11 years to 3 to 11 years from 1 September 2020, the subject of Part 2 of this notice. Should the proposal go ahead, all pupils attending St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School at the time of closure would be offered a place at the newly-formed primary school. Alternatively, parents can apply to any other school through the usual in year application process. Places at other schools will be dependent upon vacancies available at that time. If a place is not available, parents may appeal. Home to school transport will only be available for children attending their nearest school with an available place, if that school is over statutory walking distance (2 miles for children under the age of eight, 3 miles for children aged 8 and over).

Part 2 – Proposal to change the age range of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School from 7 to 11 years to 3 to 11 years from 1 September 2020

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the federated Governing Body of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School and St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School intends to make a prescribed alteration to St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School, a voluntary aided school, Cecil Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 5EG, from 1 September 2020.

The federated Governing Body of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School and St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School proposes to change the age range of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School from 7 to 11 years to 3 to 11 years. This proposal, in conjunction with the linked proposal to close St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School, the subject of Part 1 of this notice, will form one primary school for both infant and junior pupils from 1 September 2020.

The current capacity of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School is 180 and the current capacity of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School is 240. If the proposal is implemented, the capacity of the newly-formed primary school would be 420. The current admission number to reception is 60 and this would not change as a result of the proposed merger of the two schools.

Comments or objections need to be received by 6th December 2019 by sending them by post, marked "St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Schools", to: Hertfordshire County Council, School Planning, Room 145, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DF, or by email to: education.planning@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Signed:



David Miveld

Chair of Governors

St Alban St Stephen Catholic Schools Federation

Dated: **26th October 2019**

Explanatory Notes

The combined effect of Part 1 and Part 2 of this notice is in effect the merger of St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School and St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior Schools to form a 420 place primary school for pupils aged 3 to 11.