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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Archbishop Wake CE Primary School and Blandford Nursery have been co-located for more than 15 years on the shared site with Blandford Children's Centre. We have sought to develop a closer working relationship, and during the last year have started to develop closer collaboration for the benefit of all the children who attend the school and nursery.

In recent months, the Leadership at Archbishop Wake CE Primary School, the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust (DSAT), and Dorset Council on behalf of Blandford Nursery have been exploring the possibility of the Nursery joining the school and becoming part of the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust. This would create one single Nursery and School under the support of DSAT for the education of children from 0 – 11 on the existing site. This is an exciting proposal that we strongly believe will make a positive difference to the lives and opportunities for the children and families in our community.

Attached to this letter, you will find a consultation document which gives a much broader picture of this proposal; as well as giving you the chance to offer your support, or to ask any questions that you might have. The consultation period will last for 6 weeks from today (**Friday 13th September**) until **4pm on Friday 25th October**; and includes an informal drop-in session to come and talk to us in person. The drop-in session will be held in our main school hall and will be on **Thursday 10th October** from **3.30 to 4.30 p.m.** We hope that you will come and explore this a little more with us.

To access the online consultation form, scan the QR code, or visit
<https://forms.office.com/e/0Lqt6bh7bH>



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for our school and the nursery, and for our plans to continue to make our school the very best place for learning; and at the heart of our community. Thank you.

Kind regards,



Mr Daniel Carter
Headteacher



Mr Mark Lacey
CEO, Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust



Ms Alice Deacon
Dorset Council