



10th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Consultation on name of school change

We are writing to inform you that we are undertaking a consultation on changing the school's name from Cardinal Newman Catholic School to **Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School**.

We had originally considered this following his canonisation on 13th October 2019. However, shortly after this we were informed that the school had been selected for a rebuild and we made the decision to wait until this was near completion.

The current school building was built in 1969 and named after our Patron who was at that time a Cardinal. He is one of the most significant figures in the recent history of the church and will on the 1st November 2025 have his status elevated when he is named a Doctor of the Church.

The Local Governing Body has agreed to initiate this consultation. We believe that as we move into the new building it is an opportune moment to honour our Patron and celebrate his Sainthood by renaming the school, *Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School*.

We are excited about our new building and the new journey our school community will begin and the new name which will be a milestone in our next steps.

The consultation period will take place from 10th October to 4th November 2025.

Please find alongside this correspondence the consultation statement outlining the intent, background and rationale.

It also details how stakeholders can submit their feedback on this.

Yours faithfully

Ms E. O'Connor
Headteacher

Mr C. Collins
Acting Chair of Governors