

Littledean Church of England Primary School

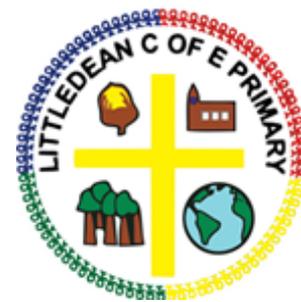
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Loving one another, building each other up

20 March 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

Diocese of Gloucester Academy Trust application update

Following an update given at a Full Governors Meeting earlier this month, I am writing to update you on the status of our application to join Diocese of Gloucester Academy Trust, DGAT.

After a period of due diligence, our application was discussed by the DGAT Board of Trustees.

In their response to us, they stated that they appreciated our desire to join the Trust, and noted the strong alignment between the Trust's vision and values and those of the school.

After careful consideration of all the information gathered and a thorough discussion, the reluctant conclusion was that there were various questions that would need to be addressed before our application could progress.

Obviously, although this was disappointing, the Trust stated a commitment to supporting us and enabling us to make progress on these questions. Such support will be free of charge. Elements of this support are already in place and we are beginning to see progress being made. The Trust is also supporting us in a variety of other ways.

We remain confident that we will reach a position where the Trust will be able to progress our application in due course. At this point in time, however, it is not possible to estimate timeframes as to when this will happen.

I ask for your patience as we work with DGAT to move forwards and thank you for your ongoing support as we work to make Littledean Church of England Primary School the best that it can be as we continue to love one another and build each other up.

Yours,

Mike Barnsley

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Chair of Governors

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick