

Timetable for the development of the Multi-Academy Trust

Summer Term 2023: Governing Bodies of each school commit to join the Ambition Community Trust.

November 2023: The DfE Advisory Board approve the Academisation of each school and the formation of the Multi-Academy Trust

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Consultation on Academy Conversion and forming a Multi-Academy Trust



AMBITION COMMUNITY TRUST

Transforming Children's Lives and their Communities

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Transforming Children’s Lives & their Communities.

We understand that pupils’ lives, and experiences are different. As a Trust, we are attentive and responsive to their needs recognising that schools know their communities well and are best placed to support them.

We began as a group of schools with a common ethos and a passion for relational approaches. Together, we know that we are stronger in developing an inclusive education, that we can all learn from each other and that there is great strength in collaboration.

We are a ‘community of practice’ (M Ainscow 2022) and each school respects each other’s individuality. We are evidence informed. Ambition Community Trust (ACT) has a great deal of strength across all phases of education enabling sharing of practice across key stages and at points of transition.

We are outward looking and seek partnerships to enable our vision to thrive across our community. As we grew out of a collaborative mindset, we welcome any schools who wish to join our community of practice.

Frequently Asked Questions

Funding

At present, our school receives its funding from the Local Authority but as an Academy it would receive funding directly from central government. Academies receive the same level of funding as maintained schools plus additions to account for services no longer provided by the Local Authority.

Admissions

All schools are bound by the National Code of Practice on Admissions and we would work with the Local Authority to coordinate the admissions process with parents as we do now.

Legal Status

Academies are set up as charitable companies limited by guarantee. The new trust would become the legal owner of the school properties, with the exception of PFI agreements.

What will change?

Our legal status will change. Although we will have greater freedoms to define the curriculum that best meets the needs of our children, it is unlikely to change significantly from our current model.

As an Academy we will be able to collaborate with other schools and innovate to better meet the needs of our pupils.

Further information

The Department for Education website has further information and links to other sources of information about academies, www.education.gov.uk/academies.

Our Vision and Values

Our purpose

The purpose of ACT is to cultivate educational communities based on emotional safety, relational practice, and high-quality teaching leading to positive behaviours, better outcomes, and improved life chances.

Our vision

The vision of ACT is to be a leading light in evidence-informed and innovative relational education, in Greater Manchester, where children experience nurture and success, going on to lead happier, more productive lives.

The purpose of this booklet

This booklet launches a formal consultation with parents, carers, staff and other community partners on whether or not to convert to academies and form a Multi Academy Trust.

The aim of this booklet is to provide you with an explanation of what this change would mean for the school. You can also submit an electronic or written response if you would like further clarity.

The Governors are keen for as many people as possible to take part in the consultation process and voice their thoughts about the future of the school.

What is a Multi-Academy Trust

The Department of Education describes an Academy Trust as, a state school that is independent from the Local Authority. This gives Academies more flexibility and freedom than maintained schools.

A Multi Academy Trust is where two or more different schools become academies in their own right, retaining their separate identity and yet legally joining together with some joined elements of governance.

Academies are charitable companies limited by guarantee and an Academy Trust would own the site and becomes the employer of school staff. If we were to become a Multi-Academy Trust, each school would keep its own budget but gain flexibility around resources, facilities, learning opportunities, staff training and community activities.