

The TRUE Learning Partnership

Parent Consultation Evening
6th February 2019

Purpose of the meeting

The Governing Board of Disley Primary School is consulting on a proposal to form a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) with other schools within TTLP and convert to academy status.

Consultation provides the opportunity for parents to understand the rationale and drivers for change, the options available and provide feedback to governors.

Whilst governors believe that forming a MAT may be the best option for the school, parent views are very important and will help determine the way forward.

Why are schools becoming MATs?

The National landscape is changing.

Whilst the Department for Education (DfE) has changed its position on plans for the forced academisation of all schools, the underlying factors are unchanged

- Changes to school funding
- School budgets being cut
- Local authority structures changing
- Local authority budgets reduced
- Support for schools is diminishing
- Government wants schools to join Multi-Academy Trusts
- Schools need to adapt and evolve to protect and enhance school improvement and learning opportunities for all pupils in a changing environment

What is a Multi-Academy Trust?

- A legal entity that governs a group of schools through a single set of trustees
- A charitable company limited by guarantee
- Established to enable formal collaboration between schools
- Directly funded by the Department for Education (DfE) instead of via the local authority
- Shift of accountability for school improvement from local authority to trustees
- Shared resources
- Leadership capacity

Our aims



All children who attend Disley Primary School will have access to high quality teaching, resources and extended curriculum opportunities to allow them to achieve and attain well above National levels.

Staff at Disley Primary School will be well supported, both within their own school and also within the MAT. This will include high quality professional development opportunities and peer-to-peer support.

Disley Primary School is able to financially sustain high quality staff and buildings in the long-term.

All children who live within the boundaries of Disley village are able to attend Disley Primary School.

Disley Primary School is able to retain its uniqueness as a school serving its own community with the particular needs that brings.

Considering the options

The Governing Board has spent time over the last two years researching the options, including

National conferences

Local authority briefings

Talking to other MATs

Discussion with local schools

Each option was assessed against a number of criteria including

Pupil outcomes

Financial strength and stability

Values and ethos

Autonomy



Why a local Multi-Academy Trust?

Capacity building

Skills sharing & training

Shared expectations & ethos



Two-way dialogue

Continuity

Collaboration

Timetable

Where are we in the process?



Consultation
January /
February 2019

Possible
application
March 2019

Conversion
Summer term
2019

