

Multi Academy Trust Consultation

Kepier became a single academy trust in August 2011. Our recent Ofsted inspection in January 2016 highlighted our status as a good school with outstanding features.

We have now been offered the opportunity to become a Multi-Academy Trust. This essentially means that we could assist other schools in the future to improve and develop using the knowledge and experience we have gained as a single academy. Governors are actively considering the opportunity and will make a firm decision in the summer term after consultation.

As with our original decision to become an Academy, it is a decision that we will take based on the best interests of our learners, staff and community.

Change to School Legal Status

The Governing Body is intending to change the legal status of Kepier from a single school Academy Trust to a Multi Academy Trust.

What does this mean for learners and parents/carers?

Very little; you will continue to be part of the Kepier community and have the same contact and support structures that currently exist. We will continue to aim for the highest standards. Our Governing Body will also remain the same (subject to the usual turnover which always applies.) Our budget will remain delegated to the school to decide how to best use funding. Our admissions policy will remain the same.

The formation of a MAT (Multi Academy Trust) means that other schools can ask to join us in the Trust. This could mean savings to the budget for the school due to economies of scale (for example ordering of goods, or sharing HR and budget costs) which would mean more money for Kepier to spend on staffing, resources and other items.

Longer term, there may be opportunities for some staff to work with other schools who need support or to work across schools where this supports best practice. These would be new or extended roles open to interested individuals and ensure that there are more progression routes for our talented and able staff. These opportunities would allow us to retain these staff within the school and Trust rather than losing them to promoted posts elsewhere. However, we are not in any discussions with any schools about joining us at this stage, so this is not an immediate consideration. Further information about the Multi Academy Trust can be found at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

How can I get any further questions answered? Or register my views?

Email or write to the school with any questions or comments; these will be put together in an overall FAQ document for future reference, together with replies. We will organise a meeting at the school for further discussion for parents/carers to attend should there be sufficient interest, so please let us know if you would be interested in attending any such event.

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