



Multi Academy Trust Consultation

The Governing Body of Tarpорley High School and Sixth Form College is considering a proposal to convert from a Single Academy Trust to a Multi Academy Trust, (MAT).

A MAT is a form of organisation with several schools working closely together as one legal entity. Despite this proposed change in legal status, Tarpорley High School and Sixth Form College will maintain its unique identity, ethos, curriculum and school uniform as, in most foreseeable circumstances, would any other school joining the MAT at a later stage.

As an Outstanding school, Tarpорley High School and Sixth Form College has been approved as an Academy Sponsor by the Department for Education. As a MAT Sponsor, Tarpорley High School and Sixth Form College would play a central role in forming and shaping the future direction of the Multi Academy Trust, ensuring there are sustainable arrangements in place for school to school support, building on our success as the lead school in the Cheshire Vale Teaching School Alliance.

Being approved as an Academy Sponsor does not mean the decision to convert to a MAT has been made; neither does it mean that the school is complacent about the hard work required to ensure Tarpорley High School's future success; in fact, continually improving the quality of education at Tarpорley High School is one of the main reasons for this conversion proposal.

If the proposal is approved, Tarpорley High School and Sixth Form College, Tarvin Primary School and Eaton Primary School will form a new Trust; over time the Trust may grow. Any such growth would be carefully judged so as not to be detrimental to students at Tarpорley High School and Sixth Form College.

The final decision to convert to a MAT will be taken by the Governing Body and will be based on the best interests of students, staff and the wider community. As part of the decision-making process, the Governing Body is committed to consulting with stakeholders so that their views are taken into account in reaching a final decision.

The consultation period will cover the four week period from **Wednesday 5th February to Wednesday 4th March 2020**. We encourage you to present your support, views questions and concerns. All submissions received by Wednesday 4th March 2020 will be considered at a meeting of our Governing Body.

Please submit your views either:

- **By e-mail** matconsultation@tarporleyhigh.co.uk
- **In writing to:** MAT Consultation, Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College, Eaton Road, Tarporley, Cheshire, CW6 0BL
- **At our Stakeholder Information Evening:** Thursday 13th February 5.00pm-7.00pm at Tarporley High School.

What happens next?

Further information is available on the school's website including a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). You are encouraged to send your questions, concerns, and opinions via the methods detailed above. We will publish your views and responses as appropriate on our website and consider them as a Full Governing Body before a final decision is reached. **The deadline for you to present your support, views questions and concerns is Wednesday 4th March 2020.**

Throughout the consultation period and beyond, the Governing Body will continue to discuss and agree further details of the MAT. Following consultation, the Governing Body will meet to consider all of the information and make a decision which will be communicated to all stakeholders.

Kind regards



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