



Callow End CE Primary School Academy Status

Parents / Carers Consultation

Background



- Governors have been reviewing the matter of Academies over the last few years and have regularly discussed this topic at their Governing Body meetings.
- The consensus until recently has been that we saw no benefit to our children in making a change.
- However, the Governors are now of the opinion that it is now in our children's best interest to start the process to convert to academy status because
 - a) The support offered by the Local Authority (Worcestershire County Council) has diminished
 - b) The Diocese of Worcester has recently set up a Multi-Academy Trust (DoWMAT) which we believe will provide better support for our school and our children in the future.



National Picture

- In the Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget speech last year it was clear that government policy was that all schools should become academies by 2020.
- An announcement by the Education Secretary at the beginning of May 2016 amended this policy. Schools may still decide to take up academy status, but it will no longer be compulsory. (There are some situations which can lead to enforced academisation (e.g. Local Authority provision deemed to be poor)).



Options for our school

- Do nothing – remain as a Voluntary controlled school maintained by the Local Authority.
- Become an Academy within a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) for which there are 3 options:
 - a) Set up a new MAT with other like-minded schools
 - b) Join an existing MAT
 - c) Join the MAT set up by the Diocese of Worcester (DoWMAT)

Governors View



- Governors believe that the best option for our school is to apply to join the Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust (DoWMAT).
- Governors would like to understand what kind of things parents would like them to take into account when making their decision.

DoWMAT



- Presentation by Karen Surrall, CEO of Diocese of Worcester Academy Trust (DoWMAT)

Q & A



- Any questions?



Next Steps

- Parents / Carers can email Sarah Wilkinson (Headteacher) or Suzanne Mealings (Chair of Governors) to express any opinions or concerns at office@callowend.worcs.sch.uk
- Governors will look to ratify a decision at the next Full Governing Body to be held on Wednesday 22nd March.
- If a decision to join DoWMAT is ratified, governors will inform the wider community and submit an application to the Diocese of Worcester.