



28 January 2015

ACADEMY CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Our children deserve the very best education. The proposal to convert West Kingsdown CE Primary School into an Academy was made by the Governors in January 2014. It is about creating new opportunities to raise standards and to provide new ways to help all children enjoy learning and achieve their best. You can find out more by reading the Consultation Factsheet or you can visit www.west-kingsdown.kent.sch.uk

The Governors believe that a change in status to the Rochester Diocese Academy Trust will provide the school with new opportunities and increased freedom . The school has already made excellent progress which was recognised by the HMI Inspector when it was taken out of Special Measures. Becoming an academy allows the school to build on that progress in its aim to become an outstanding school.

Before we can open the Academy, it is necessary for the Secretary of State for Education to enter into what are known as **“Academy Arrangements”**.

In this case ‘Academy Arrangements’ refer to the Funding Agreement. This is the contract between the Secretary of State and the Rochester Diocesan Academy Trust under which the Trust agrees to establish, maintain and run the school and the Secretary of State agrees to provide funding for it.

The Department for Education publishes “Model Funding Agreements” on its website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/academy-conversion-process#model-funding-agreements>

Do you think the "Academy Arrangements" (i.e. the Funding Agreement) for West Kingsdown CE Primary School should be entered into?

Yes

No

I'm not sure

Please explain your response to the above question

Do you have a view on how the Academy can improve education in the local area and make a difference to other local schools? What is your view?

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How could the Academy make sure it is really part of the local community?

Is there anything else you would like to say? If so, please outline your views here (go onto the reverse of this sheet if you need to).

About you

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone/mobile:

Email:

I am a:

- Parent/carer
- Teacher
- Governor
- Parent of a child at another local school (name of school): _____
- Member of staff from another local school (name of school): _____
- Local resident
- Other? (Please specify): _____

How can I return this questionnaire?

Please send your completed questionnaire to the following address:

Proposed Academy Project, FREEPOST, CB41, Murdoch House, Station Road, Cambridge, CB1 2YA

You don't need to use a stamp.

We need your comments by 5pm on Wednesday 4 March 2014.

How else can I have my say?

You could come to our community consultation events:

Community Meetings will be held at West Kingsdown Primary on **Thursday 26 February 2014** at **9-10:15am** and **6-7:15pm**

You can write to the Academy Sponsor: Alex Tear, Director, Rochester Diocesan Board of Education, St Nicholas Church, Boley Hill, Rochester, ME1 1SL. Or you can email questions to Alex.Tear@rochester.anglican.org or office@west-kingsdown.kent.sch.uk If you would like to arrange a one-to-one meeting with the sponsor please also email or telephone 01474 853484.

If you would like this leaflet in another language or large print, please write to us at the address above or email.

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