



Elstow School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Consultation on forming a multi-academy trust with Bedford Free School

We wrote last month to explain that the Governors at Elstow School and Bedford Free School had agreed in principle to come together to form a "multi-academy trust".

The aim is that we make a smooth transition to academy status, and that students and families don't experience any major differences day-to-day. However, it does mean that there would be a number of important changes in the governance arrangements of the school – and with this in mind we are running a formal consultation to seek opinions on the proposal and inform our plans.

The consultation will run from Tuesday 15th November until Wednesday 10th January, in order to allow a full six school weeks for responses.

To help with this, we have set up a link on the school website where we will post information and updates as we proceed. The link can be found here: www.elstowschool.co.uk

We have also organised a number of ways that people can communicate with us if they have any questions or contributions to make:

- you can email us on consultation@elstowschool.co.uk
- you can call us on 01234 302300 and arrange to speak to Mrs Jackson
- we have arranged for drop in sessions at the following times/places
 - o 5th January, 2.45pm – 3.45pm – at Elstow School
 - o 5th January, 7pm – 8pm – at Bedford Free School

We are keen to hear your views on our plans – so please do make use of the opportunity to share them with us as we embark on an exciting next stage of our school's development.

Ryan Tobias
Chair of Governors
Elstow School

Jenny Jackson
Head Teacher
Elstow School

