



Becoming an Academy

Presentation to Stakeholders

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What is an Academy?

- A school funded by Central Government.
- A school independent of direct control by the LA.
- A school still subject to Statutory Curriculum requirements and OFSTED inspection criteria.
- Academies are self governing.



Who can become a self-converting Academy?

Primary Schools rated Outstanding or Good with outstanding features by OFSTED at their last inspection.



Does the school need approval from the LA?

- The school is free to discuss its plans and does not need formal approval.



Do schools need to consult?

Yes. All stakeholders must be consulted, and opinions and ideas discussed. These include:

- Governors
- Staff
- Parents
- Pupils



What will the responsibilities of the Governing Body be in the Academy?

- The GB will be responsible for establishing an Academy Trust
- The GB must establish a funding agreement with the Secretary of State.
- The GB will have the responsibility of running the Academy



What will their role include?

- Ensuring a high quality of provision is maintained at all times.
- Monitoring the performance of the Academy through the Leadership Team.
- Managing the Academy Trusts finances and property.
- Employing staff.



How long will the conversion process take?

- The school has begun the process and has already had consultation meetings with other stakeholders
- If agreement is reached the process is expected to be completed by 01/04/13



Will the school receive more money?

- No. The school will receive the same level of funding as they would have from the LA.
- However Academies have greater freedom and flexibility on how they use their budget.



Question Time!

Some questions from the staff have included:

- Will the name of the school change?
- Will the uniform change?