



Eastfield Infants  
and Nursery School



# Academy Consultation

Our Governing Body is recommending that we become an Academy within Wellspring Academy Trust and seeks your views.

This leaflet is designed to provide information regarding this matter. More information about the Academies programme can be obtained from the Department for Education website: [www.dfe.gov.uk](http://www.dfe.gov.uk)

**The consultation will run from 26 April 2018 to 25 May 2018**

**We would like to offer you the chance to discuss converting to academy status.**

**Staff - Thursday 26 April (3.45pm)  
Eastfield Infants and Nursery School**

**Parents/Carers - Thursday 26 April (5.30pm + 7.00pm)  
Eastfield Hall**

**How can I respond to the consultation?**

- 1 Come along to the consultation meeting**
- 2 Email your response to [parents@eastfield.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:parents@eastfield.lincs.sch.uk)**
- 3 Use the slip attached to give us your response to the consultation and hand into school**

**Please send your responses in by 25 May 2018**



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## FAQ's on Academy conversion

### What are the main differences between a Local Authority School and an Academy?

Academies are responsible and accountable to a Trust Board. Trusts tend to be smaller than Local Authorities meaning they have a closer relationship with their schools.

This closer relationship should mean that Trusts are able to support their schools better and with speedier intervention where necessary.

### Will there be changes to school term times, length of day and after school facilities?

Wellspring does not have a 'one size fits all' approach. Local context will determine decisions that the leadership make about these matters. The Trust maintains the same holidays as other schools in the locality. School leaders are empowered to make decisions for their school and community.



### When we become an Academy what implications does this have for working with other schools?

Wellspring positively encourages partnership working with other schools as we believe that this strengthens our schools. Wellspring aim to add value to the communities in which we work. We aim to give our staff and pupils every opportunity to develop themselves.

### Do you intend to change the school's admissions policy?

No. Wellspring adheres to local admissions policies.

## Wellspring Academy Trust

### Our vision

Our vision is to provide a sustainably outstanding school experience for all. Our schools inspire innovation, creativity and aspiration for life.

Our schools share a climate of high expectation and high aspiration for each pupil. High levels of support are matched with appropriate challenge to ensure that every pupil gets the maximum from school. Our young people are confident individuals, responsible citizens and successful learners.

Our educational vision is one of inclusive, high achieving, community schools and a community of schools in which pupils thrive and which provide Value Added for the communities they serve.

### Our aims

- ✓ Our Trust aims for all its schools to become outstanding schools under the OFSTED definition of the day
- ✓ Our Trust aims to improve outcomes and life chances for the young people in its schools
- ✓ Our Trust aims to impact positively upon the communities that are served by its schools
- ✓ Our Trust aims to increase its influence in Yorkshire and the Humber region
- ✓ Our Trust aims to contribute to system-wide improvement in education.



## What will change if we become an Academy?

- ✓ Staff become employees of the Trust.
- ✓ Land and buildings become the responsibility of the Trust for 125 years.
- ✓ The school is no longer under Local Authority control.
- ✓ The school becomes the responsibility of the Trust.
- ✓ The School Funding Mechanism changes.
- ✓ The school gains Academy freedoms.
- ✓ Academies have the autonomy to set their own curriculum.
- ✓ Academies have the autonomy to make their own decisions on the services they want to buy.
- ✓ Academies have the autonomy to appoint their own staff.

## Consultation - your views

Please hand into School

My response to the consultation:

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