



23rd June 2026

Dear Stakeholders,

Consultation on proposed transfer to the Alliance Schools Trust

As already communicated, over recent months, the Governors and Senior Leaders have completed significant work around what joining a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) could mean for our school, as well as investigating several local, existing Trusts to find one that is most aligned with the vision and values of The Buckingham School.

Becoming part of a Multi-Academy Trust is akin to being part of a wider, larger family. Not only does this bring potential financial benefits and economies of scale, but it also presents incredible opportunity for school improvement through collaboration, shared resources and innovation.

Governors applied stringent criteria in their search for the 'best fit' for The Buckingham School. The Alliance Schools Trust's reputation across Milton Keynes (and beyond) is well known. The Alliance Schools Trust 'brand' is synonymous with high quality education, innovative approaches and with children at the heart of what they do. This aligns beautifully with our own vision and values. Every school within the Alliance is either Good or Outstanding according to Ofsted (indeed, Watling Academy is the only secondary school in MK that has the highest grading) and with the added strength in the Maths Hub, it is clear to us that we will be welcomed into a strong, high performing and ambitious organisation that can certainly bring benefits to the students and staff at Buckingham School.

The **main priorities** identified were:

1. Enhance the outcome and experience of students by recruiting, retaining, and developing exceptional staff.
2. Foster strong and meaningful collaboration and innovation with local schools.
3. Position The Buckingham School as the 'school of choice' for local families, thus enhancing student numbers.

As with all key decisions, our Governors are committed to putting the best interests of our children, our staff and the wider community at the centre.

Who are the Alliance Schools Trust?

The Alliance Schools Trust was established in 2017 from its first school – Denbigh – and is now an established Multi-Academy Trust of 6 schools, comprising of Denbigh School, Watling Academy, Watling Primary, Brooksward School, Drayton Park School and Willen Primary, serving nearly 5000 students and their families. Loughton Primary School is due to transfer to the Trust on 1st September 2026.

On becoming part of the Alliance Schools Trust, The Buckingham School Governors are confident that this partnership will offer

- ✓ Enhanced opportunities for staff development, promotion, and retention.
- ✓ A 'family' of schools to work and learn together thus enhancing outcomes for children in MK.

- ✓ Opportunities for curriculum development and enrichment through shared expertise and resources.
- ✓ Longer term financial stability and opportunity.
- ✓ Aligned core values: combining The Buckingham School's vision of "Success for All" and mission of equipping all to be the best versions of themselves with the Alliance Schools Trust's mission of Delivering for our children, staff and communities through collaboration, partnership and innovation:

An inclusive, ambitious & successful EDUCATION

A culture of CARE, loyalty & empathy

Inspiring & memorable learning OPPORTUNITIES

Further information about the Alliance Schools Trust can be found here: <https://www.tastrust.org.uk>

You will be aware that many schools have taken the decision to become an Academy and to join a Multi-Academy Trust and this is clearly a very significant step to take. We recognise that stakeholders may have questions. To support this dialogue and to ensure transparency, all stakeholders will be able to access a document of 'Frequently Asked Questions' on our website and this aims to pre-empt common questions that people may have around the process.

<https://www.buckinghamschool.org/page/?title=Converting+to+Academy+Status+Communications&pid=657>

This will be updated as new questions come in.

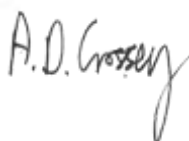
There will also be an opportunity to attend an open evening event where members of staff from the Trust and School will be available to answer questions. This will take place on Monday 6th July from 6pm

May we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your time and attention in this incredibly important and significant matter.

Yours faithfully,



Mr A McGinnes
Headteacher



Mr A Crossey
Chair of Governors