



BRIDLINGTON
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Stakeholder - Parent Frequently Asked Questions Document

Please note this document is a cumulative compilation of questions submitted as part of our stakeholder consultation on Academy Conversion. It will be updated regularly and available here on our website:

- 1. My older child already attends one of the Bridlington Schools, we are really happy with the provision and we want our youngest child to be offered a place. Will the academy conversion affect admissions?**

No. Every school including Academy's must abide by the National Admissions Code and engage in Fair Access Protocols which allow for example, young people who move into the area to receive a place at their local school. Morally and statutorily we must continue to engage in the normal round of admissions and use standard criteria for awarding places within our schools. In addition, we are clear that creating the Multi Academy Trust will enable us to make a better provision for the children and young people of Bridlington.

- 2. On conversion will we be changing uniforms?**

No. Our uniform is a key feature of our drive for equality amongst our young people, it establishes the school's identity and provides a sense of belonging and family for our young people. Though there are times when we will need to review the uniform and indeed current Government Guidance has recently been issued on this specific issue, we will always do this in consultation with our young people, parents and staff. A change of uniform is not a consequence of academy conversion.

- 3. Will my child be taught at another school in the new Multi Academy Trust?**

No. We have previously had a successful collaboration at Sixth Form level across both Bridlington and Headlands School Sixth Forms where students had the benefit of engaging in learning delivered by staff from both sites. However, though there will be many benefits of wider staff teams working together to improve practice across both schools, there will be no learner travel between the two sites on conversion.

- 4. My child has a special educational need; I am concerned that as an academy their Education Health Care Plan will be ignored.**

No. Ethically we have a duty of care which we take very seriously to provide the best care and provision for all our young people and no where is this more true than for our vulnerable learners. As an academy we have a statutory duty to engage with the home Local Authority of any SEND child to ensure their needs are met and they are making both personal and academic progress, including where their health needs are identified in their Education Health Care Plan. We will continue to work with other organisations including for example, the hearing impaired service and Physical Therapy teams. However, we anticipate being able to invest in further improvement to our provision and broker greater external support for our vulnerable learners.



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5. Will you be selling off parts of the school sites for financial gain?

No. The Multi Academy Trust as part of our new funding agreement will be granted a 125-year lease from the land owners. This does not permit the Trustees of the new academy trust to sell the land or any aspect of the estate. If this was ever seen to be in the best interests of the academy trust an application would be required to the Secretary of State for Education for permission, these are very rarely granted.