

Bedford Free School – Multi-Academy Trust Questionnaire

We believe that our pupils are entitled to the very best possible education. At a time when other parts of the Borough are undergoing significant changes and switching to a two-tier system, we are able to focus on the long-term picture and what will enable us to serve children and their families into the future.

The Governors believe that now is the time for BFS to formally create a multi-academy trust, and to do so in partnership with Elstow School. We believe that this change will provide students and staff at BFS and Elstow with greater opportunities than now, and offer more security and stability as we look to the future

What we are consulting on

Before we expand our existing school Trust to become a “multi-academy trust” (MAT) we want to gauge opinion from our existing and prospective families, and the wider community. In particular **we want to know what people think about our decision to form a MAT with Elstow School.**

Do you think that Bedford Free School should form a multi-academy trust with Elstow School?

Yes

No

I’m not sure

Is there anything else you would like to say about our plans? If so, please outline your views here:

I am a:

- Parent/carer (name of school): _____
- Teacher (name of school): _____
- Governor (name of school): _____
- Parent of a child at another local school (name of school): _____
- Member of staff from another local school (name of school): _____
- Local resident
- Other? (Please specify): _____

If you would like to, please provide your contact details:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone/mobile:

Email:

Please return your completed questionnaire to the School office, in an envelope marked "MAT Consultation"

Please return your comments 5pm on Wednesday 11th January 2017

How else can I have my say?

We are also organising drop-in information events – and we would be delighted to meet with you at either of these:

Elstow School – Thursday 5th January 2017, 2.45pm – 3.45pm

Bedford Free School – Thursday 5th January 2017, 7pm – 8pm

You can also write or email questions to the Principal at consultation@bedfordfreeschool.co.uk

Alternatively, if you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposal, please contact the school.