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Parent Feedback Form

The Governing Board wishes to know your views on the proposal before it takes any final decision. On the following form, and using the statements as a guide, please record your views in the spaces provided.

Your Name Child's full name School Year Group Child's Age

All information is strictly confidential.

Information is covered by the School's Data Protection Policy.

The Governing Board will not identify any individual's response in the consultation outcomes.

The advantages of Academy Status and the establishment of the Multi-Academy Trust are considered to be:

Safeguarding the high standards of teaching and learning in our schools

Improving the schools' attainment more rapidly than The Mayor's plan for Children and Young people requires

Creating greater capacity to improve attainment rapidly

Strengthening of existing partnership work Sharing of expertise, services, resources and cost effectiveness across our schools In general this questionnaire is largely focused towards promoting the benefits of conversion to academy status by outlining what they are in some detail and providing assurances that not much will change. No evidence is provided to support the statements and questions are asked in a way that leads the respondent to respond positively to the statements. None of the disadvantages of conversion to academy status are provided. No information is provided as to how the information will be used in the decision making process and as personal information is requested about the child, there may be concerns that it will be used to the detriment of theory education.

Include a statement about how parent's views will be used in the decision-making process Need to reference evidence to support the statements made

Explain why this personal information is needed

To whom?

This does not prevent the information being used internally

Need assurances that information will not be used against the child and detrimentally affect their education

Need to reference evidence to support the statements made

In what way? Needs link to more information

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Stronger governance arrangements, with greater representation
Freedom to develop the curriculum

What are your views on the advantages of the proposals? Do you agree or disagree with those set out in the proposal? Can you see any other possible advantages?

With conversion to Academy status many elements will remain unchanged including:

The inclusive nature of our schools

Admissions criteria and admissions authority

Out commitment to a broad and balanced
curriculum

Policy of Special Education Needs and EAL The individual ethos of each school Employee terms and conditions

What are your views on what the proposal says about the elements that will remain unchanged?

Challenges of Conversion

Conversion to academy status can bring with it the perception of schools "not being part of Lewisham" and the feeling of instability for staff in terms of pay and conditions.

The proposal has built in safeguards to ensure that all of the important agreements we have with Lewisham will be continued. It has a strong commitment to maintaining present staff terms and conditions. Do you support the proposals or are there concerns?

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In what way? Needs link to more information

Three questions being asked. Better to ask one open ended question such as 'What are your views about the stated advantages of the proposals

How many proposals are there?

What proposal are you referring to – is this the application that was made to DfE? Need to provide a link so that parents can see the detail of the proposal

The questionnaire does not list the changes that will be made and ask for views on what will change

What is meant by this?

What is this - write out in full

In order to be balanced, having outlined the advantages of conversion to academy status, you need now to outline what the disadvantages are, with reference to relevant evidence. Then ask people what their views are on them

Need to state what these are

State what these are

This seems like an attempt to manipulate the respondent into agreeing with proposal. The question asks people to support the proposal.

Begs the questions as to what the unimportant agreements are

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Funding issues

Converting to academy status would give the school the potential to access more resources than at present.

Some services currently provided by the Local Authority would be 'brought back' but the Governing Board will gain more control over its ability to prioritise its spending and use of resources.

Can you see any further advantages and disadvantages to conversion?

Your questions to us

We are committed to ensuring that we answer as many of your questions as we are able to. Tell us if you think we have missed something. We will do our best to address your issues and publish a response to commonly raised issues on the FAQ section of the website.

Please state your point(s) here:
Finally: Are you supportive of the principle
of converting to Academy status and
establishing a Multi Academy Trust?
Yes
No
Don't know enough to have a view

If you have any further views that you wish to share that you feel could not be accommodated by this form, we would be pleased to receive them via an email to [email address]

State what resources and how much money this would be or if not money what benefit this would be

Which ones and why would you do this?

You've already asked about advantages

By when – before the closing date?

Which – give link