



BOSVIGO SCHOOL

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Academy Status Position

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At the beginning of the year we spoke to representatives of the Department for Education and were informed that Multi Academy Trusts (groups of schools working together) are the only realistic option for a school of our size. In March of this year the Chancellor said that the Government would require all schools to become academies by 2020. We released a statement in March on our position saying that we were actively looking at options to become an Academy. However, in May the government's policy was changed again so that schools that were judged Good or Outstanding by Ofsted would not be required to Academise.

Governors are aware that though there is less pressure to Academise than earlier in the year, moving from Local Authority control to become Academies is the government's preferred option. We have already spoken to three local academy trusts, but felt that they were not currently options that would suit our school based on our criteria:

- The interests of the children in our school are paramount.
- We would choose to become an academy with like-minded schools.
- We would choose to retain as much independence and the personality of our school as possible.
- It is important to us to build on existing good teaching and learning that exists at Bosvigo School and we would want to see evidence of this when we are looking at our options.

The Bosvigo School Governing Board have made a decision keep a 'watching brief' on any developments both Nationally and locally. We may speak to existing Multi Academy Trusts or groups of schools who would consider forming an Multi Academy Trust with us, though we do not feel that suitable options are currently available. Any decision to move forward as an academy will involve robust and thorough parental consultation and we will inform you as and when information becomes available.

Governors of Bosvigo School

