

Central Bedfordshire Council

‘Schools for the Future’

Headteachers and Chairs of Governors

20th September 2018

Purpose of the meeting

- Outline how the Board intends to support schools in Central Bedfordshire in making decisions about three-tier to two-tier conversion or remaining within the three-tier system. This will include:

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- ▶ A single point of contact enquiry system
- ▶ Senior Officer responsibility (Director and Deputy Director)
- ▶ Specialist advice and support available for schools and how to access it
- ▶ Board of Education contact with the Local Authority, DfE and Regional Schools Commissioner
- ▶ Provide specific guidance relating to site ownership and the role of the DBE as designated religious authority and the DBF as charitable site trustee
- ▶ Pastoral and professional support for governing bodies and school leaders available through the DBE Service Level Agreement

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- Advise CBC schools and academies of the Board of Education's policy in relation to three-tier to two-tier school reorganisation

Introduction

- Welcome!
- What history teaches us... pitfalls and opportunities
 - ▶ Three- to two-tier reorganisation in Berkhamsted
Rob Halls, Executive Headteacher, The Castle CE Federation
 - ▶ Dunstable – avoiding tribalism; promoting a ministry of presence
David Morton, Diocesan Director of Education
 - ▶ Maintaining standards of education
Lizzie Jeanes, Deputy Director of Education
 - ▶ Christian ethos and school reorganisation
David Morton, Diocesan Director of Education

- Support for schools is equally available for those wishing to consider two-tier transition and those wishing to remain within the three-tier system

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- ▶ Senior Officer responsibility: Director (three tier) and Deputy Directors (two tier)
- ▶ Specialist advice and support available for schools
- ▶ Provision of specific guidance relating to site ownership and the role of the DBE as designated religious authority and the DBF as charitable site trustee
- ▶ Pastoral and professional support for governing bodies and school leaders available through the DBE Service Level Agreement
- ▶ Board of Education contact with the Local Authority, DfE and Regional Schools Commissioner

Single point of contact

All contact with the Schools Team should be made through

cbc@stalbans.anglican.org

General advice

2 tier

Lizzie Jeanes & Charlotte Johnson

General advice

3 tier and undecided

David Morton

Specialist advice

David Morton & Vicki Barrière

Lizzie Jeanes & Charlotte Johnson

Belinda Copson

Bob Garrard

Ruth Garman

Ryan Parker

➤ Land & Trust issues (land ownership)

➤ School improvement (ongoing support)

➤ Governance (Instruments of Government)

➤ Admissions (age range change; points of admission)

➤ School buildings (expansion; new build)

➤ SIAMS, Christian ethos, RE

Board of Education policy statement

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The St Albans Diocesan Board of Education is committed to working in partnership with its schools, academies, local communities and Central Bedfordshire Council for the good of local pupils. Having considered the ‘Schools for the Future’ proposals at its meeting of 5th September 2018, the Board of Education is of the view that the time is now right to support the transition of its schools and academies to the two-tier system.

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It will seek to achieve this by working in partnership with its schools and academies in line with proposals published jointly by individual pyramids of schools and Central Bedfordshire Council. In planning to create new primary and secondary provision, the Board of Education will seek to do this within the two-tier system.

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In considering all reorganisation proposals, including requests to convert to academy status, the Board of Education will continue to adhere to its policy that all Church of England schools should remain within Church of England provision. This includes federations of maintained schools and Multi-Academy Trusts. In making decisions, the Board will also be guided by two additional questions:

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- (i) Is the proposal in the best interests of children/young people locally?
- (ii) How will adopting the proposals negatively impact any other local school?

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The Board of Education will continue to offer the same high level of support to all its 30 schools and academies in Central Bedfordshire as they discuss and plan for the future.

A newly established email address, cbc@stalbans.anglican.org, will allow schools and academies to quickly access support and advice as proposals and plans are developed at a pyramid level. All communication regarding 'Schools for the Future' should be made through this address.

- CBC 1 The Board of Education's policy on school reorganisation in Central Bedfordshire
- CBC 2 Key principles of decision-making
- CBC 3 Whose permission do I need to seek to make any significant changes to my school?
- CBC 4 Who owns the different parts of my school site?
- CBC 5 How to change your Instrument of Government
- CBC 6 How to change your school age range
- CBC 7 How to change your admissions policy
- CBC 8 How to convert to academy status
- Land Registry documents for your school (where available)
- Today's presentation