

Process for Schools Under an Academisation Order

Where an academisation order is issued, the DBE will work transparently with the Regional Department for Education to identify a suitable good home within a MAT for the school. Where an academisation order is issued, decision making does not rest with the school and therefore conditional consent processes do not apply. However, the Diocese will canvas the views of the governors regarding possible MATs so that these can be represented to the Regional Department for Education during discussions.

In recommending suitable good homes within a MAT to the Regional Department for Education, the DDE, on behalf of the DBE, will consider the following options:

- DGAT or another established MAT with a proven track record of working with GDBE schools becomes the sponsor and the school transfers into that MAT.
- A MAT with a proven track record of both school improvement and enabling the flourishing of distinctively Christian church schools, that does not currently work with GDBE schools becomes the sponsor and the school transfers into that MAT. For this option to be recommended there would be an expectation that the MAT would enter into appropriate articles with the GDBE, including having the GDBE as a corporate member
- Where there is demonstrable need and capacity for growth, a new MAT is constructed with appropriate articles and DGBE as a Corporate Member
- The school converts into an existing non-Church MAT with a proven track record of school improvement and demonstrable capacity to enable distinctively Christian church school flourishing. The recommendation of such an option would be subject to the MAT entering into appropriate articles with the GDBE, including having the GDBE as a corporate member.

The DBE will not normally permit CofE schools to be sponsored by non-Church (secular) MATs. Including national academy chains. If this is proposed by the RSC, (because no other solution is potentially available), the Board will consider the merits of the case and make a determination, using its statutory powers if necessary.