

Epsom Primary & Nursery School

Converting to Academy Status



After a thorough period of due diligence & research the Governors and Senior Leadership Team at Epsom Primary & Nursery School have made the decision to join Bourne Education Trust.

Why are we becoming an Academy & joining BET?

Academisation is a hot topic that has been a focus in education for several years.

As a school we have explored a number of academy trusts to understand their ethos, culture and whether joining one would be right for Epsom Primary & Nursery School. Until more recently there was no 'best fit'. However, during the past 18 months we have been working closely with Bourne Education Trust as collaborative partners. Sharing expertise, gaining and giving support across a range of areas and benefitting from a wider educational team.

The role and influence of Local Authorities has been steadily declining over the last few years and subsequently, support for schools is hard to access as capacity across Surrey is limited.

With a secure 'Good' Ofsted judgement, we could continue as we are, but I, alongside staff and Governors, feel strongly that the school will develop, thrive and flourish with the freedom and collaboration provided by membership of such a forward thinking Trust. A Trust that does not want to change us- just work together to maximise outcomes for your children. We have big plans to further develop our place in the community and with the security, drive and high expectations of Bourne Trust I believe that we can achieve this.

Michelle Pollard & Lisa Kent (Chair of Governors)



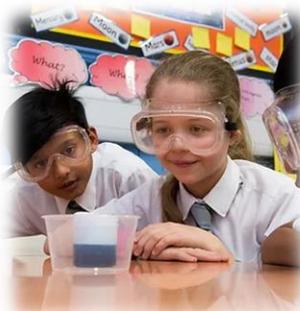
How will this affect my Child?

Your child will see very little difference. They will have the same staff, the same school day, the same uniform, the same lessons, whilst having even more opportunities than they do now.

The Headteacher, the Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body will continue to strategically lead EPS.

All of these will NOT change

- Our name
- Our values
- Our leadership
- Our uniform
- Our curriculum
- Our provision for pupils
- Our admissions policy



Key benefits of joining a Multi Academy Trust (MAT)

- A shared approach to improving education
- Improved teaching & learning across the school
- Access to specialist facilities at partner schools, for science, sport, technology & art
- Access to specialist teachers
- Greater economies of scale to allow investment in building and facilities
- Support & economies of scale with the procurement of goods & services



For more information on the Bourne Education Trust:

<https://www.bourne.education/>

For more information on Multi Academy Trusts:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/458632/governance-in-multi-academy-trusts_Sept2015.pdf

If you have any questions please email:

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