



AGORA
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Academy Consultation

Agora Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust (ALP MAT) and Longmeadow Primary School

You will be aware that Agora Learning Partnership Multi-Academy Trust (ALP MAT) has been working very closely with Longmeadow Primary School over the past year implementing a school improvement programme.

After careful consideration and discussion, the school's Governing Body has decided that they wish to convert to academy status and to join the ALP MAT. We are at the start of the process and, currently, our aim would be to convert to become an academy on 1st January 2024.

We believe that becoming part of the ALP MAT is the right thing for the school. The additional freedoms and flexibilities that academy status offers, and the formal partnership across the MAT, will provide a framework of support and greater opportunities for collaboration and enrichment.

The ALP is an established Multi-Academy Trust, consisting of nine primary schools. The ALP has a proven track record of school improvement and promotes collaboration between schools in the Partnership to ensure all children, Trust-wide, receive the very best education.

The Agora Learning Partnership Vision

Work Together, Learn Together, Succeed Together

In ancient Greece, the word 'Agora' was used to describe a public open space used for assemblies and markets; Agora, a place where people could be together.

As such, at the Agora Learning Partnership, we believe in the power of collaboration to improve the life chances of children and young people, whilst enabling them to flourish and achieve the very best outcomes in all aspects of school life and beyond. This belief underpins the vision for our organisation.

We aspire for carefully planned, Partnership-wide collaboration to be the driving force for school improvement and strive for a self-improving, self-sustaining system. We believe this, alongside our 'local decisions for local children' approach, will bring about rapid improvement in schools and will result in the children and young people we serve being offered a first-class, enriched education

that is fully inclusive; we will meet the needs of every child and prepare them for future life.

For such collaboration to be a success, participants must have a variety of skills, knowledge, and expertise. We, therefore, have a responsibility to become the employer of choice, so that we can recruit and retain talented individuals who are well-suited to the uniqueness of their chosen Partnership school - uniqueness which will continue to be valued and celebrated as our Partnership grows and develops.

The Agora Learning Partnership Aims

- To develop a self-improving and self-sustaining system that results in rapid school improvement.
- To utilise carefully planned, Partnership-wide collaboration to be the driving force for school improvement, resulting in children benefitting from a first-class, enriched education that is fully inclusive, meeting their needs and preparing them for future life.
- To improve the life chances of children and young people, enabling them to flourish and achieve the very best outcomes in all aspects of school life and beyond.
- To raise standards and ensure this is reflected in each school's national reported outcomes, such as the Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tests To strive for all schools to be judged as 'outstanding' by Ofsted, ensuring all schools are judged 'good' by Ofsted as a minimum.
- To be recognised as an employer of choice to maximise opportunities for the recruitment and retention of the best-quality staff.
- To recognise and reward talented staff to improve recruitment and retention.
- To continue to implement the 'local decisions for local children' approach in each of the Partnership schools and ensure schools maintain their individuality and identities.

We welcome your views on our plans to convert to academy status as part of the ALP MAT and thank you for taking part in this consultation.

Q1. About You (please tick)
<input type="checkbox"/> a parent/carer of a Longmeadow Primary School pupil
<input type="checkbox"/> a member of staff at Longmeadow Primary School
<input type="checkbox"/> a local community member
<input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>please specify</i>)

Q2. We believe that there are benefits for Longmeadow Primary School becoming part of the Agora Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust e.g. being able to share expertise and resources and enhancing the teaching and learning for our pupils. Do you agree?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
No <input type="checkbox"/>
Unsure <input type="checkbox"/>

Q3. Do you support the proposal that Longmeadow Primary School should convert to become an academy?
Yes []
No []
Unsure []

Q4. Do you have any concerns about the proposal?
Yes []
If 'Yes' please specify:
No []
Unsure []

Q5. Community involvement: how could the School and the Trust engage further with the local community?

Q6. If you have any further thoughts or comments, please use the space below to share them with us:

Whilst we always welcome engagement with stakeholders, the formal consultation process will close on Friday 12th May 2023 at 12 noon.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this consultation survey.
Paper copies can be handed to the school office at Longmeadow.
An online version of this form can be found at - <https://forms.office.com/e/XdDUj20Jj2>