

BEWSEY LODGE

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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9th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ACADEMY CONVERSION

We are writing to inform you that the Governing Board of Bewsey Lodge Primary School has taken the decision to apply for academy status and join the newly formed Emmanuel Diocese of Liverpool Academies Trust.

This multi-academy trust is being formed with local Warrington schools, both Church of England and community schools, that have worked collaboratively for many years together in school improvement and to create opportunities for our pupils.

This decision has been taken following discussions by school leaders and their Governing Boards, with representatives from the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Education, and with the other schools who are looking to join the newly formed MAT. We believe this would benefit our pupils and staff enormously.

The Rational

The educational landscape within Warrington continues to change with an increasing number of primary schools joining multi-academy trusts. The Governing Board at Bewsey Lodge Primary School believes that the best future for the school is to become an academy and join Emmanuel Diocese of Liverpool Academies Trust (EDLAT). Joining the Trust at the formation stage will be a positive step for the school and enable it to be a key stakeholder in decision-making.

The Proposal

As a Community school, we embrace every opportunity to work with like-minded schools who share the same vision of providing the very best opportunities for every child. We feel that this Trust offers this opportunity and whilst it is a Diocesan MAT, the community status of the school or the curriculum being taught will never be compromised.

The Trust is committed to:

- securing the very best outcomes for pupils and ensuring that they receive a high-quality education rooted in the values expressed through the vision: serving flourishing communities.
- Supporting all to flourish, utilising their unique gifts, believing in themselves and making a positive contribution to society



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- Enabling all children, families and staff members to go on flourishing to be all that they can be, striving to achieve their full potential in a loving and fully inclusive environment.

The proposal is that Bewsey Lodge Primary School converts to academy status and joins Emmanuel Diocese of Liverpool Academies Trust at the earliest opportunity, pending timing permitted by the DfE, local authority and the trust.

Questions and Feedback

The Governing Board is now entering the consultation phase. We want the entire school community to have the opportunity to ask questions about what academy status means for Bewsey Lodge Primary School. The consultation period will run from 9th June 2025 to 18th July 2025.

A copy of our Frequently Asked Questions document along with other information about the Trust, consultation process and the feedback form can be found online at:

edlatconsultations.uk/

The feedback form can be completed providing your contact details or anonymously. We would be grateful if you could submit this to us by 4.00pm on 18th July 2025 with any questions or comments you may have. You can also email your comments to consultation@edlat.org.uk. If you require paper copies please contact the school office, and return these to the trust via the school.

You can request to attend a collective face-to-face meeting about converting to academy status via the online form, and we will contact you separately with an invite to the meeting.

Any future information, feedback or responses can also be found on the Trust website at edlat.org.uk. It is anticipated that we will be consulting on academy status with staff in school in the coming weeks and months.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We believe that we have a truly wonderful Community school and we are committed to ensuring we provide the very best for our whole school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E Williams, Executive Headteacher
Mrs. L Bailey, Head of School

