



St George's Primary School

Nurturing our community through opportunities, innovation and love.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Parent and Carer Consultation Regarding School Conversion to an Academy within the Peninsula Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)

Firstly, welcome back at the start of another school year. In June, we informed you of the Governing Body's intention to consult regarding the possibility of St George's Primary School joining the [Peninsula Academy Trust \(PMAT\)](#) with Weatherhead and Liscard School. This would be a significant and important step for our school. Your input is vital in shaping our decision-making.

We have created a [consultation website page](#) with key documents to explain the reasons why we are considering this change. We have sought to explain the potential benefits and what it may mean for your child's education. As well as the detail below there is:

- A question and answer document on the [school's consultation website page](#).
- Invitation for parents and carers to attend a meeting with governors, Mr Cassidy and Mr Mackenzie as the CEO of the Peninsula Trust on Thursday 11th September at 5.30pm in Upper Site main hall (on Claremount Road).
- Invitation for you to share your feedback via our [online survey](#) or by e-mailing consultation@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk.

Why are St George's Considering Joining Peninsula Multi Academy Trust?

The most important reason for us exploring joining the Peninsula Multi Academy Trust is that it would create a community-based trust that connects local schools serving the families of Wallasey. Increasingly schools are having to solve complex challenges to ensure high quality education and care for our pupils. Working a strong community of school would help us to do this better whilst ensuring that we are focused on the needs of our local community.

As a founder school in the MAT with Weatherhead and Liscard Primary School we can shape how the trust would work and develop a trust that would be of great benefit to our local community.

What is an Academy and a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)?

Academies are state-funded schools that are independent of local authority control. A Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) is a group of schools working together under a shared governance structure to deliver high-quality education. They have greater freedom over their curriculum, finances and governance. Parents and carers can find out more about Academy Trusts and how they work on the [.gov.uk website page](#).

Why Are We Considering This Change?

Our Governing Body has identified several reasons for exploring academy status within a MAT:

1. **Enhanced Support:** Collaborating with other schools in a MAT can provide access to shared resources, expertise and professional development opportunities for staff. It will also improve our capacity because we will be tackling key challenges together.
2. **Financial Stability:** MATs can achieve economies of scale, allowing for more efficient use of funding, access to additional funding and expertise.
3. **Curriculum Innovation:** Becoming an academy would provide greater flexibility to tailor teaching to meet our pupils' needs.
4. **Community Focus:** Partnering with a MAT that shares our values can strengthen our commitment to providing excellent education within our local community.

What Will Not Change?

- The school will remain free to attend and non-selective.

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- We will continue to follow national admissions arrangements, and our admissions policy will remain the same.
- Our ethos and values will remain at the heart of everything we do.
- The school name, badge, uniform and staff will not change.

Additional information related to the proposal to convert to academy status can be found on our [school's consultation website page](#).

Your Input Matters

We want to ensure that all stakeholders have a chance to share their views. Please do this by: Completing the attached consultation questionnaire and return it to the school office. Your feedback will help us make an informed decision.

Next Steps

The consultation period will run from **3rd September to 3rd October 2025**. During this time, we encourage you to share your views by:

- Completing our [online survey](#) or e-mailing consultation@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk by **22nd September 2025**.
- Attending our consultation meeting on **11th September 2025 at 5.30pm** in the school hall at Upper Site in Claremont Road.

The Governing Body will carefully consider all responses before making a final decision. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bernard Cassidy
Headteacher

Mrs Charlotte Scott
Chair of Governors