

# THE WOODLANDS SCHOOL

## Academy Status: Consultation Proposals

- 1 Sep 2010: Agenda item on Academy Status at Full Staff Meeting (directed time), regarding registration of interest.
- Oct-Dec 2010: Informal consultations with staff, students, local community and businesses regarding opportunities and impact of Academy Status.
- 27 Jan 2011: Discussion of issues at governors' Q&S committee (staff governors present throughout discussion).
- Jan-Mar 2011: Discussions held with headteachers of possible 'chain' schools.
- 3 Feb 2011: Presentation by Headteacher, Business Manager and HR to Full Governing Body. Staff governors present throughout discussion. Decision taken to:
- engage in full consultation with stakeholders regarding conversion to academy status;
  - resolution passed (0 votes against) to declare the Governors' intention to apply for academy status.
- 4 Feb 2011: Local Authority informed of intention to apply to convert to Academy Status.
- 7 Feb 2011: Full staff meeting – Headteacher described reasons for proposing conversion. Question and answer session followed. Consultation process described.
- Feb 2011: Unions meet with staff in school.
- 10 Feb 2011: Further discussion on consultation progress on governors' RM committee (staff governors present throughout discussion).
- 11 Feb 2011: Letter and website information on Academy Status shared with parents, other primary (catchment area and feeder schools), secondary schools, local community and businesses. Request for written response and offer of debate 6:00 pm 17 February 2011 in Cresswell House.
- 11 Feb 2011: Union reps informed of invitation to their unions to make their case to governors on 17 Mar 2011.
- 11/18 Feb 2011: Headteacher discusses proposals with School Council.

- 28 Feb 2011: Head responds to questions arising from consultation on full staff meeting.
- Mar 2011: Unions meet with headteacher in school.
- 11 Mar 2011: Initial deadline for consultation responses (later responses will be collated and tabled at Full Governors 17 Mar 2011).
- 17 Mar 2011: Full Governors' Meeting:
- LA and unions invited to make a fifteen minute presentation to Full Governors, followed by a question and answer session.
  - Headteacher to report back on consultation with stakeholders.
  - Governors take decision to continue application process or withdraw.