

The Sirius Academy Multi Academy Trust Consultation Document

The Board of Directors of the Sirius Academy Multi Academy Trust wish to consult with stakeholders including staff, parents/carers and the wider community on the planned expansion of the Trust to include a number of local schools.

Background of success of the Trust

In March 2014 Sirius Academy was judged by Ofsted to be outstanding in all aspects of educational provision. Outstanding schools and academies are strongly encouraged to work in partnership with organisations. Sirius Academy gained Teaching School status in September 2014 working together with a number of schools and a college in the East Riding. Blue Print Alliance, our Teaching School, provides support to other schools and academies both locally and nationally.

Following this continued success, in early 2015, Sirius Academy converted to a Multi Academy Trust and was also formally accredited by the Department for Education as an organisation able to sponsor other schools and academies. Support from the Teaching School was given to Thomas Ferens Academy, in North Hull. This school had been placed into the Ofsted category of special measures. Rapid and sustained progress was made at Thomas Ferens Academy, which led to Sirius Academy being asked to sponsor the school from September 2015. At this time Sirius Academy Multi Academy Trust (MAT) changed the name of Thomas Ferens Academy to Sirius Academy North and formally brought the school into the MAT. In December 2015, Sirius Academy North was judged by Ofsted to be a good school with outstanding leadership.

Currently there are two academies within the MAT, Sirius Academy North and the existing outstanding academy Sirius Academy West.

Rationale for Growth

The Board of Directors and Senior Team consider there is a strong case to expand the existing Trust. The rationale is given below:

- In the current educational landscape, with ever decreasing funding and increasing costs, it is essential that the Sirius Trust looks to expand to maximize resources and funding.
- To benefit from economies of scale, for example 'bulk buying' and shared resources which will benefit all academies within the Trust and result in budget savings.
- Academies within the Trust will benefit from sharing the best practice. Shared planning and resources will ensure that children attending schools/ academies within the Sirius Trust will experience the best possible learning experience. Staff expertise will be shared.
- The transition between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 will be enhanced, as there will be some shared policies, protocol and systems used across the schools/academies within Trust.
- Collaboration between schools/academies will benefit staff expertise and pupils' learning experiences
- Working in partnership with a diverse range of other schools/academies will enrich the educational offer to all pupils

Response

Mr. Neil Porteus, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Sirius Academy Multi Academy Trust will be pleased to receive written responses to the consultation. Please send views including your name, contact details and relationship to the Trust to Mrs. Andrea Young, PA to the address or e-mail given below:

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All responses should be sent by 12 noon on Monday 17 October 2016