

FAQS

Ashbourne Primary, Bradley CE Primary and Brailsford Primary

What is a Multi Academy Trust?

A Multi Academy Trust is a charitable company established to be responsible for several academies. Each academy remains a separate school with its own local governing committee, however governors are responsible to a Board of Directors established for the Trust as a whole. Directors are accountable to the Secretary of State for Education for the educational and financial performance of all the Trust's schools and maintain a central team of staff to ensure that schools improve and meet the government's expectations.

What is a Stakeholder engagement period?

Local governors of Ashbourne Primary, Brailsford CE Primary and Bradley CE Primary want to understand how staff, parents and the wider community feel about this development. If there are concerns or fears, we want to know them, so we can provide assurance.

Will important things change: for example, uniform, times of day etc?

No. Day to day school life stays exactly the same including term dates, school day and uniform.

Will the school have to fund any of these changes?

No. The government provide a conversion grant so that all legal costs and expenditure related to forming this Multi Academy Trust are covered. There is no impact on our school funding/budget.

Why did you decide to form a MAT?

As a school, governors, leaders and staff undertook a wide range of activities looking at all local Trust options. It was a long and carefully thought out process. We felt that forming our own Trust enables each school to retain its unique character and enabled all our schools to continue to work closely together.

What will be the benefits for our children?

ACE Derbyshire will help us improve the quality of education we provide your children. This is done in lots of ways including:
Providing strong behind the scenes operational support for Finance, HR, Estates and IT, so school leaders and teachers can focus on teaching and learning.

Support and share work around curriculum.

Benefit from large procurement savings that can be achieved by schools working together.

Providing training and support for our staff to be even better.