

**Proposed Academy Conversion
of
Maidstone Infant School
and
Causton Junior School**

Thursday 23rd May 2019

What is an Academy?

Academies are publicly funded independent schools that are not managed by a local authority but their funding and accountability is directly with the Department for Education.

Why are Maidstone Infant School and Causton Junior School proposing to become an Academy?

For the Children:

- ▶ That the children are at the heart of Seckford Education Trust
- ▶ To be able to design our own curriculum to meet the needs of our children working with subject specialist from the other schools - Beccles, Ixworth and Saxmundham.
- ▶ To be able to take the school forward on its journey to Outstanding
- ▶ To improve the outcomes for our pupils
- ▶ To improve the quality of school dinners provided for our pupils

For the Leadership Team:

- ▶ To support us in improving the outcomes of our pupils
- ▶ To work closely with like minded schools - where there is a clear understanding of what makes 'good education'.
- ▶ To be able to design our own curriculum to meet the needs of our children working with subject specialist from the other schools - Beccles, Ixworth and Saxmundham.
- ▶ To utilise the expertise from the Academy in HR, Finance, Catering, Marketing
- ▶ To be able to improve school back systems so that Senior Leaders (who are trained teachers) to be able to focus on teaching and learning e.g Human Resources, Finance, Catering
- ▶ To be able to shape the Primary Education in the Academy
- ▶ To be able to take the school forward on its journey to outstanding

For the staff:

- ▶ To support us in improving the outcomes of our pupils
- ▶ To be able to design our own curriculum to meet the needs of our children working with subject specialist from the other schools - Beccles, Ixworth and Saxmundham.
- ▶ To be part of shaping Primary Education in the Academy
- ▶ To support us in taking the school forward on its journey to Outstanding

What will not change

- ▶ The values and ethos of the school
- ▶ That the children are the heart of what we do
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ We will continue to drive the outcomes for pupils
- ▶ Our trust in the pupils, families and community
- ▶ Working with the community
- ▶ Working with the other schools in Felixstowe
- ▶ Working with Felixstowe Academy
- ▶ Your trust has been with us for the last 14 years we have worked hard for you and your children, you need to continue to believe in that trust for us to make the right decisions for your children

What will change

- ▶ School uniform
- ▶ School Logo
- ▶ School meals