Academisation Forum
Monday 11th July 2022
Opening prayer
Overview

• Our mission
• The current landscape
• Academisation for All
• Discussion & Feedback Part 1: Challenges & Opportunities
• Discussion & Feedback Part 2: Working with the DBE
• Proposed timeline
• Closing prayer
Our mission...

• Promote life in all its fullness through Education across Essex and East London.

• Support transforming presence that offers life enhancing encounters with Jesus Christ.

• Provide schools of Christian character for the common good.
The Current Landscape
Our Family of Schools

- 139 schools across a varied and diverse Diocese, covering 8 Local Authorities.
- Serving over 31,500 pupils, including over 4000 SEND pupils.
- 37% of our schools belong to an academy trust
- 63% are LA maintained schools
Success & celebration

• Ofsted – over 90% of our schools are good or better (National 87%)
• SIAMS – 97% good or excellent outcomes (National 91%)
• KS2 attainment 2019 RWM – 67% (Essex 65%, National 65%)
• Navigated Covid-19 pandemics including lockdowns
• Strong leaders, teachers, governors
• Rich and exciting curriculum balanced with enrichment opportunities encouraging all pupils to flourish
Significant challenges

- Financial – shrinking rolls, tight budgets, restructuring
- Curriculum – small school challenges, many hats with few people
- Governance – foundation governor vacancies, lack of willing volunteers, reluctance to take on the chair role.
- Admin – requirement on office staff, additional demands
Academisation for All

Engaging with the White Paper
DfE Goal - Academisation for all

Chapter 4: A stronger and fairer school system

Summary

By 2030, all children will benefit from being taught in a family of schools, with their school in a strong multi academy trust or with plans to join or form one

Strong Multi Academy Trusts

• High quality and inclusive education
• School improvement
• Strategic Governance
• Financial Management
• Workforce
Diocese Landscape

Majority MATs
- Vine Trust (23)
- Canonium (4)
- All Saints (2)
- Great Oak (2)
- Genesis (3)
- Mid-Essex Anglican (2)

Minority MATS
- Berludsuna (1)
- Burnt Mill Academy (1)
- Epping Forest Schools Partnership (4)
- Hearts Academy (1)
- Life Education Trust (4 + 1 associate)
- Osborne (2)
- Unity Schools Partnership (1)
Current DBE Academisation Strategy

- Discussion with School Adviser
- Utilise website and list of approved academies
- Approach CEOs for discussion/presentation with GB
- Approval sought from DBE.

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Discussion Part 1: Challenges & Opportunities

• What challenges does your school face in the current educational climate?

• Academisation: How do you view the current bill – opportunity or threat?

• What help would your school need to prepare for or consider academisation?

• What would you hope academisation could offer your school.
Discussion Part 2: Working with the DBE

• What is your view of the current DBE Academy Strategy: What is working & what is not working?

• What does the DBE need to offer and/or improve to support schools through academisation? What does your school need?

• How do you see the future landscape of Church Schools?
Next Steps & Planned DBE Timeline

- **Summer 22**: information gathering, engaging with key stakeholders
- **Autumn 22**: high level strategy work of the DBE, National engagement, ongoing conversations schools and MATs
- **Autumn 22 to Spring 23**: detailed plans drawn for DBE academisation Strategy
- **From Spring 2023**: implementation of strategy
Closing prayer