



Linby cum Papplewick

Church of England Primary School

Frequently Asked Questions for parents before our Parent Consultation.

What is an Academy?

An academy is a state-funded school that is no longer run by the County Council (Local Authority). Academies have more choice over what they can teach, but are still inspected by OFSTED.

What is a MAT?

A Multi-Academy Trust is a charity that are responsible for the running of a group of Academies. They are not run for financial profit but can benefit from closer working partnerships, sharing effective practice, support and expertise.

Why are we joining a MAT?

The Government's ambition is that all schools will become academies. Linby cum Papplewick C of E Primary School has chosen to join a MAT because of the enhanced support, training and sharing of expertise and experience we will gain from this decision. It is something we have been considering for a number of years, but we now feel the time is right to pursue this course of action.

Which MAT are we joining?

We will be joining the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham Multi-Academy Trust.

Why are we joining this MAT?

As a Church of England School, our school values its Christian ethos. When looking at different Multi-Academy Trusts, we wanted to consider Trusts that would align with our values and allow us to flourish as a Church of England School. We have spoken to many Head Teachers who are part of SNMAT and were encouraged by the feedback we received. In the school's most recent OFSTED report (2020), the school was graded as 'Requires Improvement' and this is what we desire to do: improve. Over the three years, we have been working hard to achieve this and since September, we have been receiving more informal support from SNMAT. The support we have received from them so far has helped us to sharpen our practice to help us better meet the needs of all your children.

Will the name of the school change?

No. The name of our school will remain Linby cum Papplewick C of E Primary School.

Will the uniform change?

No. There are no plans to change our uniform.

What will change?

From a day-to-day experience, nothing will change. As a school, we will receive support to improve and to challenge our existing practice to continue to strive for excellence in our educational provision.

When can we find out more?

On Thursday 20th April at 6pm, we will be holding a parent consultation meeting, where representatives from school and SNMAT will be there to share more details and answer any of your questions.