

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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BROMLEY ACADEMY PROGRAMME UPDATE

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This is the updated information for Members on the academy conversion programme as at 5th January 2015. There are now fifty nine (59) academies within Bromley, an increase of four since the last report was presented. The new academies are St Marks Primary School, Princes Plain Primary School (both of which have joined the Aquinas Multi-Academy Trust), St Josephs (part of the catholic schools umbrella trust) and Midfield Primary. Twelve more schools are in the process of converting and a further twenty are in the initial stages of exploring conversion. Thirteen schools converted in 2013/14 and fifteen have converted in 2014/15 to date.
- 1.2 Of the 20 Primary schools who at present do not have finalised plans for conversion, all but 5 are actively considering their options according to current knowledge. Officers will make contact again with the remaining schools to determine their position and provide any support required. Other schools may be delaying developing plans for conversion due to prioritising school improvement plans, for example in response to OfSTED inspections or to obtain 'Good' inspection ratings which in turn broadens their options for conversion.
- 1.3 In line with feedback from the Chairman of the Education Policy & Development Scrutiny Committee this briefing report no longer provides the detailed summary of academy conversions that have been completed and reported previously. This can be provided to Members upon request.

2. THE BRIEFING

- 2.1 Overall Summary of the Academy Programme as at 5th January 2015.

Type	Converted		Maintained - Conversion in Progress		Maintained - Exploring Conversion		Maintained – Not Actively Exploring Conversion		Total	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Secondary	16	94%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	17	100%
Primary	42	57%	12	16%	15	20%	5	7%	74	100%
Special	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	0	0%	4	100%
PRU	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Total	59	61%	12	13%	20	21%	5	5%	96	100%

2.2 Schools which have converted to Academy Status since the 5th November 2014 Briefing Report

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	St Marks Part of the Aquinas Trust	Conversion	1 December 2014
2	St Josephs Part of the catholic school umbrella trust	Conversion	1 December 2014
3	Midfield Primary	Conversion	1 January 2015
4	Princes Plain Primary School Sponsored by the Aquinas Trust as part of their MAT arrangements.	Sponsored Conversion	1 January 2015

2.3 Schools In The Process of Conversion to Academy Status

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	Holy Innocents Catholic Primary School Part of the catholic school umbrella trust	Conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools. Academy Order received 23 October 2013	April 2015 (estimated)
2	Dorset Road Infants	Proposed conversion as part of a MAT with Mead Road and Pratts Bottom. Academy Order received (March 2014)	TBC
3	Mead Road Infants	Proposed conversion as part of a MAT with Dorset Road and Pratts Bottom. Academy Order received (March 2014)	TBC
4	Pratts Bottom	Proposed conversion as part of a MAT with Mead Road and Dorset Road.	TBC

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
		Academy Order received (March 2014)	
5	Burnt Ash Primary	Burnt Ash consulted with parents on the question of conversion to academy status in March 2013 DfE expecting application, possibly as part of the Pickhurst Junior Endeavour Umbrella Trust No application showing on DfE website as at January 2015.	TBC
6	Hawes Down Infants	Academy Order (June 2014) for conversion as part of a multi-academy trust with Hawes Down Junior, Langley Park School for Girls and Langley Park School for Boys.	1 March 2015
7	Hawes Down Junior	Academy Order (June 2014) for conversion as part of a multi-academy trust with Hawes Down Infants, Langley Park School for Girls and Langley Park School for Boys.	1 March 2015
8	Cudham CE Primary	Confirmation from Aquinas Trust (June 2014) that Cudham governing body has resolved to apply for conversion as part of the Aquinas Trust (subject to academy order) Academy Order received July 2014	April 2015 (estimated)
9	Wickham Common Primary	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Marian Vian, Oak Lodge and Unicorn.	April 2015
10	Marian Vian Primary	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Wickham Common, Oak Lodge and Unicorn.	April 2015
11	Oak Lodge Primary	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Marian Vian, Wickham Common and Unicorn.	April 2015
12	Unicorn Primary	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Marian Vian, Oak Lodge and Wickham Common.	April 2015

2.4 Schools Actively Exploring Conversion to Academy Status

A	PRIMARY & SPECIAL SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
1-13	Thirteen Primary Schools	Exploration of potential partnerships and early stages of MAT discussions.	N/A
14	James Dixon Primary	Notification to LA in February 2013 of Governor decision to apply for academy conversion. No formal application logged by DfE.	N/A

A	PRIMARY & SPECIAL SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
		Confirmation to LA in September 2013 of intent to change status from community to foundation school as of December 2013.	
15	Southborough Primary	Southborough consulted with parents on the question of conversion to academy status in March 2013. Exploration of potential partnerships but no firm plans.	N/A
16	St Anthony's RC Primary	Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Archdiocese. No formal application logged by DfE as yet.	TBC
17-20	Four Special Schools	Exploration of potential partnerships but no firm plans.	N/A

B	SECONDARY SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	St Olave's Grammar School	Notification to Local Authority (October 2010). Conversion approval 'on hold' pending resolution of governance composition between the Diocese of Rochester, the School and the Department for Education.	TBC

2.5 Status of Other Schools

	PRIMARY SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
1 - 5	Five Primary Schools	Either the position is to be confirmed or they are not considering conversion at this time.	N/A