

Academy Status 'Fact Finding' Information Evening

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

| Issue | Current situation | Situation if The Snaith School became an Academy |
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| What kind of school is it? | Community School | An Academy, independent from the Local Authority and funded directly by the state. |
| Who owns the land on which the school is built? | East Riding of Yorkshire Council | The Academy Trust would have a 125 year lease. |
| Who runs the school / Academy? | The Governing Body | <p>The Snaith School Academy Trust would be formed; this would be a company limited by guarantee with exempt charitable status.</p> <p>The Academy Trust would appoint a new Governing Body which would have responsibility for running the school. The composition would reflect the current Governing Body, and would include elected staff and parent governors.</p> <p>The Governing Body would act as the Board of Directors (for company law purposes) and the Trustees (for charity law purposes) of the Academy Trust.</p> |
| Who employs the staff? | Local Authority | The Academy Trust |
| Who provides the main funding for the school? | The Government via the Local Authority, who retain a proportion of the funding to pay for central services | The Government directly. |
| Would becoming an Academy mean a change of name and ethos at our school? | Current name and ethos. | No changes to the current name or ethos would be envisaged as these remain strengths of our school. |
| Could the school / Academy charge fees? | No. There are no charges beyond those already levied for additional items such as instrumental music lessons. | No. There would be no charges beyond those already levied for additional items such as instrumental music lessons. |
| Could the school / Academy introduce selection? | No | No |
| Could the school / Academy change the school day? | Yes with full and detailed stakeholder consultation. | Yes with full and detailed stakeholder consultation, although no changes would be envisaged. |
| Could the school / Academy change the uniform? | Yes with full stakeholder consultation. | Yes with full stakeholder consultation, although no changes would be envisaged. |
| Who determines the curriculum? | The Governing Body within the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum. | The Governing Body. |
| Who controls admissions to the school? | Local Authority | The Governing Body using the Local Authority Admissions Policy. |
| How is SEN managed in the school / Academy? | The school follows the SEN Code of Practice and Policies | The Academy would be required to follow the SEN Code of Practice and Policies as at present. |

Useful links

Department for Education website:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/typesofschools/academies>

Independent website containing links to organisations with both positive and negative views on Academy status:

<http://clerktogovernors.wordpress.com/2011/02/16/considering-academy-status-useful-links/>