



FRANCHE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FORMAL CONSULTATION TO CONSIDER
CONVERSION TO AN ACADEMY SCHOOL
AND JOIN THE RIVERS CofE ACADEMY TRUST**

**CONSULTATION PERIOD:
COMMENCES – TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY, 2026
ENDS – TUESDAY 17th MARCH, 2026**

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Tuesday 3rd February, 2026

Dear Stakeholder,

I am writing to inform you that Franche Community Primary School is consulting on a proposal to join The Rivers CofE Academy Trust.

The Governing Board and Senior Leadership Team have been considering Academy conversion for some time in order to further enhance the school and create new opportunities for staff, pupils and our wider community.

Having explored a number of local Trusts the Governing Board have made the decision to move to formal consultation for the proposal of joining The Rivers CofE Trust. This letter forms part of that consultation process.

Joining a Trust is not a decision taken lightly, but it does present many positive opportunities for the school including;

- increased financial stability to protect the school in the current economic climate and challenges faced by the sector,
- the ability to access lower costs for some essential services and equipment by using combined purchasing,
- strong networking and collaboration opportunities for our staff,
- access to wider and increased professional development opportunities for staff,
- enhanced and effective Central Support Services (e.g., estates and facilities, HR, finance, IT),
- primary-age specific support within a large community of schools, and
- greater opportunities for enrichment for pupils and collaborative activities with other Trust schools.

The consultation process will run from Tuesday 3rd February, 2026 to Tuesday 17th March 2026. This process will provide all stakeholders with an opportunity to find out more information about the preferred Trust, ask questions and share their views with us. After this period of consultation there will be a final decision made by the Governing Board and by the Trustee board of The Rivers CofE Trust.

During this consultation period we will be holding staff, parent and community consultation meetings. These meetings will include a presentation from Matt Meckin, CEO of the Rivers CofE Academy Trust who will be joined by other senior members of the Trust. There will also be time for questions to be answered by both School and Trust staff. All stakeholders are welcome to join us at our parent and community members meeting which is detailed below.

It is incredibly important that all members of the community have a chance to share their thoughts and ask any questions, so we look forward to your valued contribution to our formal consultation process.

As always if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Dixon
Headteacher

Mr M Hughes
Chair of Governors

Franche Community Primary School

Parent/Community Consultation Meetings



Tuesday 24th February, 2026



Session 1: 2.00pm
Session 2: 6.00pm



Upper School Hall
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Have your say or submit a question:
Write to us at the address above, send us an email to
office@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk
or click **HERE** [Franche Community Primary School Stakeholder Conversion Meeting – Fill out form](#) to submit your question online.



Your feedback matters and we would encourage you to complete our Consultation Form to support the Governing Board with their decision making. Click **HERE** [Franche Community Primary School Academy Consultation Questionnaire – Fill out form](#) to complete the form, click **HERE** [Franche Community Primary School - Academy Consultation](#) to download the form from our website or a hard copy is available at the school office.



All questions and Consultation Forms must be completed and submitted by no later than noon on Tuesday 17th March, 2026.



Register to attend by clicking **HERE** [Franche Community Primary School Stakeholder Conversion Meeting – Fill out form](#)