



WADE DEACON
TRUST

A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

CONVERSION UPDATE

OAKDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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The Journey to date:

Over the past few months, Oakdene Primary School has been working alongside the Wade Deacon Trust with a view to becoming a member of the Multi Academy Trust. As a consequence, the Secretary of State gave formal approval for Oakdene Primary School to join the Trust as a converter academy. We anticipate the move will be completed in Autumn 2024. This will enable Oakdene pupils and staff to benefit from a strong collaboration with shared accountability that will not only lead to better progress and attainment for pupils, but also enable Oakdene to meet rising expectations.

Leaders and staff from Oakdene and the Trust will share strategies to continue to enhance expertise and tackle challenges. Governors will meet to share strategic thinking, to combine skills and to support each other.

The Trust is fully committed to ensuring that all pupils attend an outstanding school and receive an exceptional education to enable them to fulfil their potential. The main driver of the conversion to Academy Trust status is to support all members of Oakdene Primary in continuing to drive up academic standards and further enable all pupils to achieve a full measure of success. Staff members from both Oakdene and the Trust will continue to work together to enhance the range and scope of opportunities for the pupils and to plan for future developments that will ensure sustained success.



What are the benefits of becoming part of a Multi Academy Trust?

The Wade Deacon Trust has set a strong, shared strategic vision across all the schools in the partnership. The partnership currently includes Wade Deacon High School (Halton) Ofsted grading Outstanding, Hillside High School (Sefton) Ofsted grading Good, Halewood Academy (Knowsley) Ofsted grading Good, Sylvester Primary Academy (Knowsley) Ofsted grading Good, Widnes Academy (Halton) Ofsted grading Good, Whiston Willis Primary Academy (Knowsley) Ofsted grading Outstanding, Yew Tree Primary Academy (Knowsley) Ofsted grading Good and recently we welcomed Weston Point Community Primary School. We look forward to welcoming Oakdene Primary School.

The Trust is accountable for the outcomes for all pupils in the partnership, it provides an excellent foundation for ensuring that support and challenge is provided where it is most needed.

The Trust is flexible about delegation of responsibilities to individual schools. This enables clear personalisation of appropriate intervention and involvement for each partner school.

The Trust is the employer of all the staff within the partnership. This makes it easier to deploy staff flexibly, provide wider opportunities for professional development and ensure that there are clear strategies for succession planning.

The Trust's central funding agreement makes it easier to share resources and achieve savings in purchasing items.

What is currently happening?

As we continue to work together, we will focus on the following areas to ensure success:

High Quality Teaching and Learning

We will continue to provide opportunities and support so that teachers can deliver consistently outstanding lessons to ensure pupils are engaged in their learning and thus attain, or surpass, their potential.

Supporting Learning

All members of the Trust are fully committed to ensuring that everything we do is for the benefit of our pupils.

Curriculum Innovation

Together we will plan, develop and deliver a curriculum that will stimulate, engage and challenge all pupils. This will enable them to leave Oakdene Primary School fully prepared for the next stage in their education.

Professional Learners

We will recognise and celebrate the ability, skill and personal qualities of every pupil within Oakdene Primary School. Our vision is for all pupils to become independent, confident life-long learners.

Next Steps

The relevant statutory conversion process for Oakdene Primary School to become a member of the Wade Deacon Trust is currently being undertaken.

Until the formal conversion is complete, no changes to the school's identity and uniform will take place. There will be a phased transition for any changes after conversion is completed.

You will be kept informed of further developments to ensure a smooth transition.

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