



HUNSBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Consultation on Proposed Academy Conversion and Joining Orbis Education Trust

The Governing Body are seeking to consult with all key stakeholders of Hunsbury Park Primary School regarding a proposal to convert from being a Local Authority Maintained School to an Academy. Becoming an Academy would see us join the highly successful Orbis Education Trust.

As with all key decisions, our Governors are committed to putting the best interests of our children, our staff and the wider community at the centre. We are therefore keen to involve you, as a valued partner, in the consultation process.

The consultation will run from Friday 12th January 2024 until 12pm on Friday 16th February 2024 (5 weeks).

Why Join a MAT?

Becoming an Academy and being part of a MAT is akin to being part of a wider, larger family. Not only does it present incredible opportunities for enhancing learning and pupil outcomes, school improvement through collaboration, and both broadening and deepening the curriculum leveraging shared resources and innovation, it also brings potential financial benefits and economies of scale which can be used to improve premises and curriculum opportunities for our children.

Who are the Orbis Education Trust and what do they stand for?

Orbis Education Trust is a local Multi-Academy Trust that is currently comprised of Southfield School (Kettering) and Kingsthorpe College (Northampton), the Trust is also in the process of opening a new secondary free school in the Kettering area. Orbis Education Trust are absolutely committed to providing all children and young people a world class education, in which they not only fulfil their full potential academically but are able to access a huge range of extra-curricular opportunities, via the Trust's unrivalled 'enrichment' programme, that allows children to grow as people.

We are a Trust that wants to achieve consistency, not conformity over our systems and processes, therefore enabling schools to grow and flourish within their local context. We place great emphasis on collaboration, not competition, and by working together we can achieve even greater success. It is the strong belief of the Trust that all of our schools (and any others that may join in the future) remain at the heart of and reflect the community that they work within.

Orbis are hugely excited to be working with Hunsbury Park Primary School and all of its stakeholders and are keen to progress a relationship in which all parties realise significant benefits that ultimately result in an improved educational experience for all children and young people that attend an Orbis school.

Further information about the Orbis Education Trust can be found here: <https://orbismat.com>



A document of 'Frequently Asked Questions' can be found on our website and aims to pre-empt common questions that people may have around the process. This will be updated as new questions come in and will be available to families when updated.

Should you wish to make a comment, share your view (either one of support or caution) or ask a direct question, please send these directly to the following email: academyconsultation@hunsburypark.org

The Governing Body wish to consult with our stakeholders, including:

- Staff
- Pupils
- Parents/Carers
- Local Schools and Pre-school settings
- The Local Authority
- Parish Council
- Local neighbours