



Formation of a Multi-Academy Trust – Update

- Further to feedback from the initial consultation, the governing bodies of Springfield School, Solent Infant School and Solent Junior School agreed to continue the process of forming a MAT.
- A TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings – Protection of Employment) consultation with all staff employed by the schools commenced this week. This will be managed with the support of Portsmouth City Council's Human Resources Team. Staff professional associations (unions) are involved in the consultation process.
- The name proposed for the MAT is 'The De Curci Trust'.
- The Trust has instructed the law firm Veale Wasbrough Vizards to conduct the processes of 'due diligence' on behalf of the three schools, provide support for negotiations with the Council and draft articles of association. This work is funded by the 'academy conversion fund' received by each school.
- All existing contracts and service level agreements are in the process of review.
- Draft funding agreements have been received by the schools for approval.
- Draft articles of association have been received by the schools for review and approval.
- The target date for conversion remains: 01st April 2017

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