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Mixed multi- academy trusts (MATs)

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Mixed Voluntary Aided (VA), Voluntary Controlled (VC) and Community schools in the same multi-academy trust (MAT)

The Department has developed clauses for use in funding agreements that enable former VA, VC and community schools to be within the same MAT.

In relation to former VC schools this will mean the establishment of a local governing body with a minority of foundation governors appointed by the Diocese. The Trust will also be required to ensure that the characteristics of the former VC are preserved in the areas of staffing, teaching of RE and the provision of collective worship.

With regard to former community schools the Trust will be required as part of its funding agreement to establish a local governing body and preserve the non-religious nature of the school. It is not possible as part of the academy conversion process for a community school to become a faith school.

Any groups of schools that wish to establish a MAT comprising former VA, VC and community schools should highlight their intention to be part of a mixed MAT when registering an interest in becoming an Academy or if the schools are already academies when they make enquiries to the EFA.



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