



Department
for Education

Note of decisions: South East Advisory Board

17 July 2025

Advice

No meeting was held.

Regional Director (RD)

- Kate Dethridge

Decisions taken outside of AB meeting

List of decisions taken outside of AB meetings.

Converter Academy Order

Project: Teynham Parochial Church of England Primary School, Kent, to convert and join EKC Schools Trust Limited

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust, diocese and local authority.

Project: Monkton Church of England Primary School, Kent, to convert and join EKC Schools Trust Limited

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust, diocese and local authority.

Project: Minster Church of England Primary School, Kent, to convert and join EKC Schools Trust Limited

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust, diocese and local authority.

Project: Bradstow School, Kent, to convert and join Cygnus Academies Trust

Decision: N/A. Subject to ministerial review.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: For ministerial decision.

Project: St Crispin's Community Infant Primary School, Kent, to convert and join The Stour Education Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust, diocese and local authority

Project: Westbourne Primary School, West Sussex, to convert and join Schoolsworks Academy Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority

Project: Churchill Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Kent, to convert and join Aquinas Church of England Education Trust Limited.

Decision: Defer

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust, diocese and local authority

Project: Endeavour Primary School, Hampshire, to convert and join Inspire Learning Partnership.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority

Project: Regents Park Community College, Southampton, to convert and join United Learning.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority

Project: Pippins School, Slough, to convert and join Marish Academies Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority

Project: John Rankin Infant and Nursery School, West Berkshire, to convert and join Maiden Erlegh Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority

Sponsored Academy Order

Project: John Rankin Junior School, West Berkshire, to join Maiden Erlegh Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority

Significant Change

Project: Cuckmere House, The Sabden Multi Academy Trust, East Sussex, to make the following changes:

- Change of age range (including adding or removing a nursery or sixth form provision)
- Change of gender composition (single sex to co-educational or vice versa)
- Increasing the planned number of pupils in a special or AP academy
- Adding a SEN unit or resourced provision
- Removing (discontinuing) boarding provision

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority.

Project: New Horizons School, The Sabden Multi Academy Trust, East Sussex, to make the following changes:

- Change of age range (including adding or removing a nursery or sixth form provision)
- Increasing the planned number of pupils in a special or AP academy
- Adding a SEN unit or resourced provision

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority.

Project: St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School, The Sabden Multi Academy Trust, East Sussex, to make the following changes:

- Change of age range (including adding or removing a nursery or sixth form provision)
- Increasing the planned number of pupils in a special or AP academy
- Adding a SEN unit or resourced provision
- Removing (discontinuing) boarding provision

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority.

Project: Polesden Lacey Infant School, LEO Academy Trust, Surrey. Change of age range (including adding or removing a nursery or sixth form provision).

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority.

Project: St Dominic's School, Orchard Hill College Academy Trust, Surrey. Increasing the planned number of pupils in a special or AP academy.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school/trust and local authority.

List of projects listed on the published draft agenda, but were removed before the meeting

Converter Academy Order

Project: Worplesdon Primary School, Surrey

Reason for removal: Trust requested delay to project

Project: Wood Street Infant School, Surrey

Reason for removal: Trust requested delay to project

Academy opening approved in principle

List of academies approved to open the following month.

St Mary's CofE Primary School, East Grinstead, Hurst Education Trust Limited, West Sussex.

Points raised: N/A.

Conflicts: None.

Further action required: Inform the school/trust and local authority.

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