

# Draft agenda: South East Advisory Board

This meeting will take place on 21 January 2026.

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## Items listed for decision by South East this month

### West Sub-Region

#### Significant changes to an open academy

An application for The Wren School, URN: 142121, Excalibur Academies Trust, Reading, to make the following change:

- Significant Change - Adding a SEN unit or resourced provision

#### Converter academy orders

- An application from Broughton Fields School, URN: 134072, Milton Keynes, to convert and become an academy and join Preston Hedges Trust.
- An application from Portfields Primary School, URN: 131718, Milton Keynes, to convert and become an academy and join Inspiring Futures through Learning.

## **Kent, Medway and Surrey Sub-Region**

### **Converter academy orders**

- An application from Tadworth Primary School, URN: 125296, Surrey, to convert and become an academy and join Bourne Education Trust.

### **Trust Changes**

- An application for the merger of Fulham Cross Trust, London, and Bourne Education Trust, Surrey.

## **Coastal Sub-Region**

### **Trust Changes**

- An application for Bexhill High Academy, URN: 138895, East Sussex, to transfer from Attwood Academies Trust to Mulberry Schools Trust.

## **Glossary of project types**

### **Converter academy orders**

Where the governing body of a local authority maintained school has applied to become an academy and wants to join an existing academy trust or set up a new academy trust with other local authority maintained schools.

### **Sponsored academy orders**

Where a local authority maintained school is becoming an academy because it has been judged inadequate by Ofsted or is not making the necessary improvements, meaning it is currently judged as requires improvement, having been judged below good in its previous inspection.

### **Establishing a new academy through the free school presumption route**

Where a local authority has identified a need for a new school in its area and invited applications from trusts to be accountable for the new school.

### **Significant changes to an open academy**

A change which may have a 'significant' impact on the local school environment, through changing the number and/or type of school places and/or where they are offered.

### **Trust changes**

Where an academy is moving from one academy trust to another, including where two or more academy trusts are coming together and academies within those trusts are moving to the new trust. It also includes where a single academy trust applies to become a multi academy trust.