



Department
for Education

Notes of decisions: Yorkshire and the Humber Advisory Board

Date of planned meeting: 17 March 2026

Advice

No meeting took place.

Regional Director (RD) chair

- Alison Wilson OBE

Academy opening approved in principle

List of academies approved to open the following month.

Project: Golcar Junior Infant and Nursery School, Impact Education Multi Academy Trust, Kirklees.

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/04/2026

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No action required

Project: Hensall Community Primary School, Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust, North Yorkshire.

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/04/2026

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No action required

Project: Jump Primary School, Waterton Academy Trust, Barnsley.

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/04/2026

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No action required

Project: Normanton Altofts Junior School, Waterton Academy Trust, Wakefield.

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/04/2026

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No action required

Decisions taken outside of AB meeting

List of decisions taken outside of AB meetings.

Converter academy orders

Project: Horbury St Peter's and Clifton CofE (VC) Primary School, Enhance Academy Trust, Wakefield.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

Trust Changes

Project: Old Earth Primary School, to transfer from Old Earth School (Single Academy Trust) to Polaris Multi Academy Trust, Calderdale.

Decision: Approve with conditions

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust setting out the conditions.

- A school resource management adviser (SRMA) to be deployed to the Trust post-transfer.

Project: Willow Park School, to transfer from T.E.A.M Education Trust to Nexus Multi Academy Trust, Sheffield.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust

Project: Newman School, to transfer from T.E.A.M Education Trust to Venn Academy Trust, Rotherham.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: Steve Hodsman did not receive any papers or provide any advice on this project due to a conflict of interest with Venn Academy Trust.

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust

Significant changes to an open academy

Project: Airedale Academy, Castleford Academy Trust, Wakefield, to add a Special Educational Needs unit or resourced provision to a mainstream academy.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

Project: Evolve Academy, Ethos Academy Trust, Wakefield, to expand the age range from 7-11 to 4-11 with the addition of four places between Early Years and Key Stage 1.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

Cases referred to ministers for a decision

No cases were referred to ministers for a decision this month.

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

Project: An application from Ben Rhydding Primary School, URN 107281, Bradford, to convert and become an academy and join Moorlands Learning Trust.

Reason for removal: This project will now be decided outside of the Advisory Board meeting.

Project: An application for Lindley Church of England Infant School, URN 141057, Kirklees to transfer from Lindley Church of England Infant School (Single Academy Trust) to Learning Accord Multi Academy Trust.

Reason for removal: This project will now be decided outside of the Advisory Board meeting.

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