

Kaleidoscope





What is this meeting about?

- To give our parents/carers an opportunity to find out more about proposed developments at our school and our partner schools, in response to national and local education policy
- To give our parents/carers an opportunity to ask questions and give their views on the proposal

National Context

- Government drive to actively encourage all schools to become Academies
- To redefine the role of the Local Authority to a reduced set of responsibilities

North Somerset Context

- 10 out of 11 Secondary schools and 18 out of 62 Primary schools in North Somerset have already converted to Academy status
- Proposal to encourage all maintained schools to convert to academy status by September 2018

What are Academies?

- Government funded schools, independent of the local authority
- Accountable directly to national government, through a Funding Agreement
- With a prescribed governance structure of an Academy Trust, comprising Members and Trustees and local governing bodies

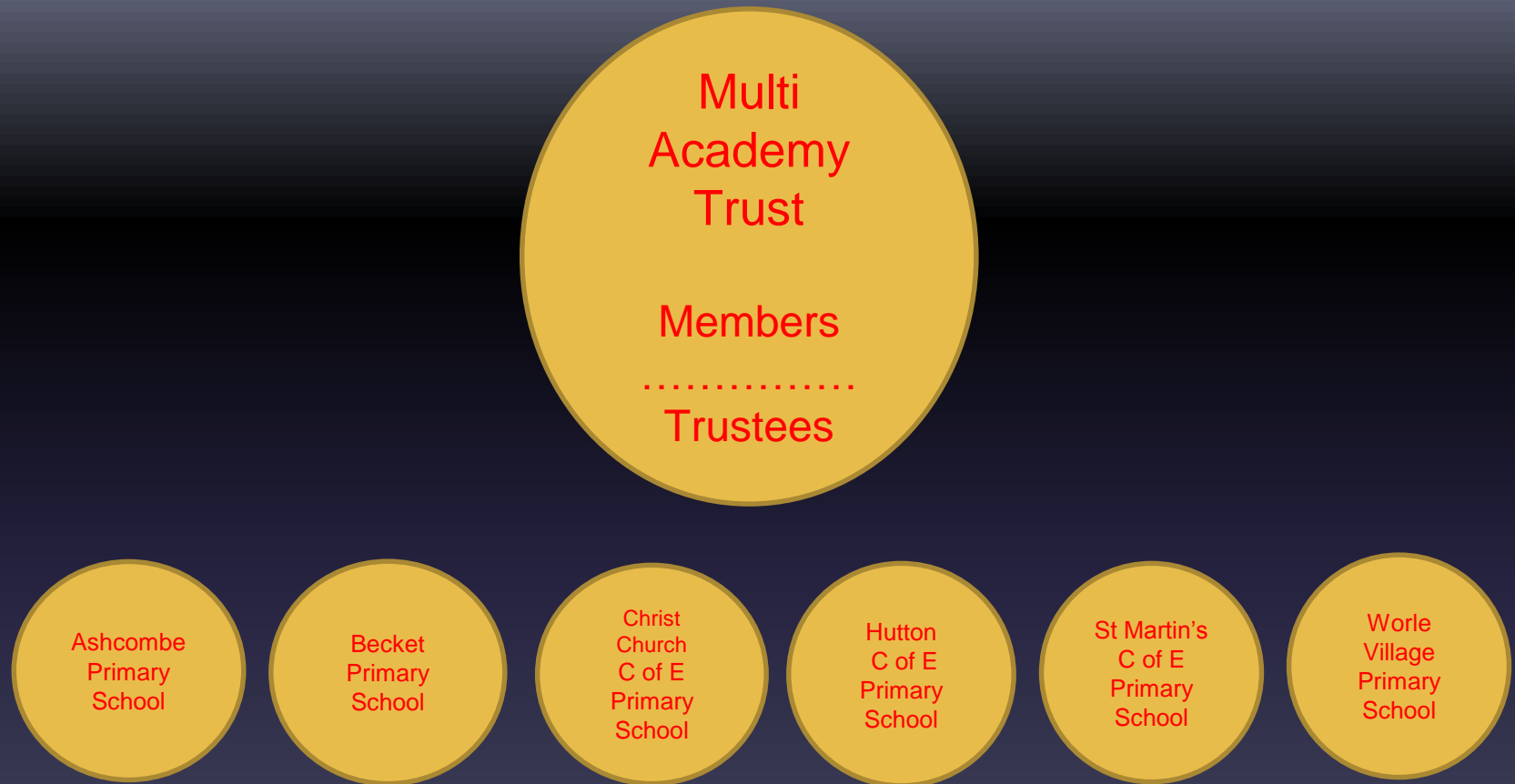
Academy Trusts

Standalone academy trusts are no longer being supported

Government prefer to see Trusts comprising groups of schools :

Multi Academy Trusts

Kaleidoscope Governance Structure



Governors have had to ask themselves :

- Should our school become an academy?
- Should our school seek to join an existing Multi Academy Trust?
- Should we seek to form a new Multi Academy Trust each with our existing school partners?
- Or should we stay as we are and do nothing?
- What would be the risks of doing nothing?

A Brief History of Kaleidoscope

- Sept 2012 - Local reorganisation of 3 Worle schools to become primary schools
- Sept 2014 - Becket joined the Worle collaboration
- Sept 2014 - 3 South Weston schools created INSPIRE collaboration
- July 2016 - Merger of two smaller collaborations to form Kaleidoscope with a view to forming a MAT
- 28 Sept 2016 met Susan Phillips (RSC) to discuss our proposals

Capacity of Schools

School Name	Planned Capacity	Ofsted date	Ofsted Grade
<i>Ashcombe Primary School</i>	630	<i>Jan 2013</i>	<i>Good</i>
<i>Becket Primary School</i>	210 + Nursery	<i>Oct 2013</i>	<i>Good</i>
<i>Christ Church C of E VA Primary School</i>	210	<i>Mar 2014</i>	<i>Good</i>
<i>Hutton C of E VC Primary School</i>	210	<i>Jul 2014</i>	<i>Good</i>
<i>St Martin's Cof E VC Primary School</i>	630	<i>Feb 2015</i>	<i>Good</i>
<i>Worle Village Primary School</i>	210	<i>Feb 2015</i>	<i>Good</i>
<i>6 schools</i>	2100		

Advantages of forming Kaleidoscope (A Multi Academy Trust)

- It would be ours - so would serve our local community and families
- It would deliver a critical mass of 6 schools, of like mind, big enough to provide benefits to all but small enough to ensure the uniqueness of this area of North Somerset is not lost
- Governors and school leaders would be in control of how budgets are best spent to meet the needs of our children
- It would create opportunities through a formal professional network to share good practice and provide outstanding school to school support - with schools being located only minutes from one another
- It would provide opportunities for budget savings, through economies of scale, allowing budgets to be best directed at opportunities for children

What would change?

- Accountability to Trust Board rather than Council
- Formalised mutual professional support
- Systems and software
- More collaborative activities
- New joint logo
- Wider learning opportunities
- Even higher standards for our children

What would not change?

- Individual school logo
- Uniform
- Distinctive ethos and culture
- Staff team
- Governing body for each school
- Many internal policies and procedures

Questions & Discussions

Next steps.....