

# Lawn Primary and Nursery School

*Children To Be Proud Of*

**Becoming an academy and joining  
Blue Kite Multi Academy Trust**

**Parent and Carers consultation meeting**



Lawn Primary &  
Nursery School

**2nd July 2026**

**Excellence**  
**Resilience**  
**Confidence**  
**Respect**

**The Blue Kite**  
Academy Trust



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## *Becoming an academy and joining Blue Kite*

- ▶ Purpose of consultation
- ▶ Timeline and process
- ▶ What is an academy / MAT?
- ▶ Why Blue Kite
- ▶ Benefits to Lawn
- ▶ What won't change
- ▶ Next steps & Q&A

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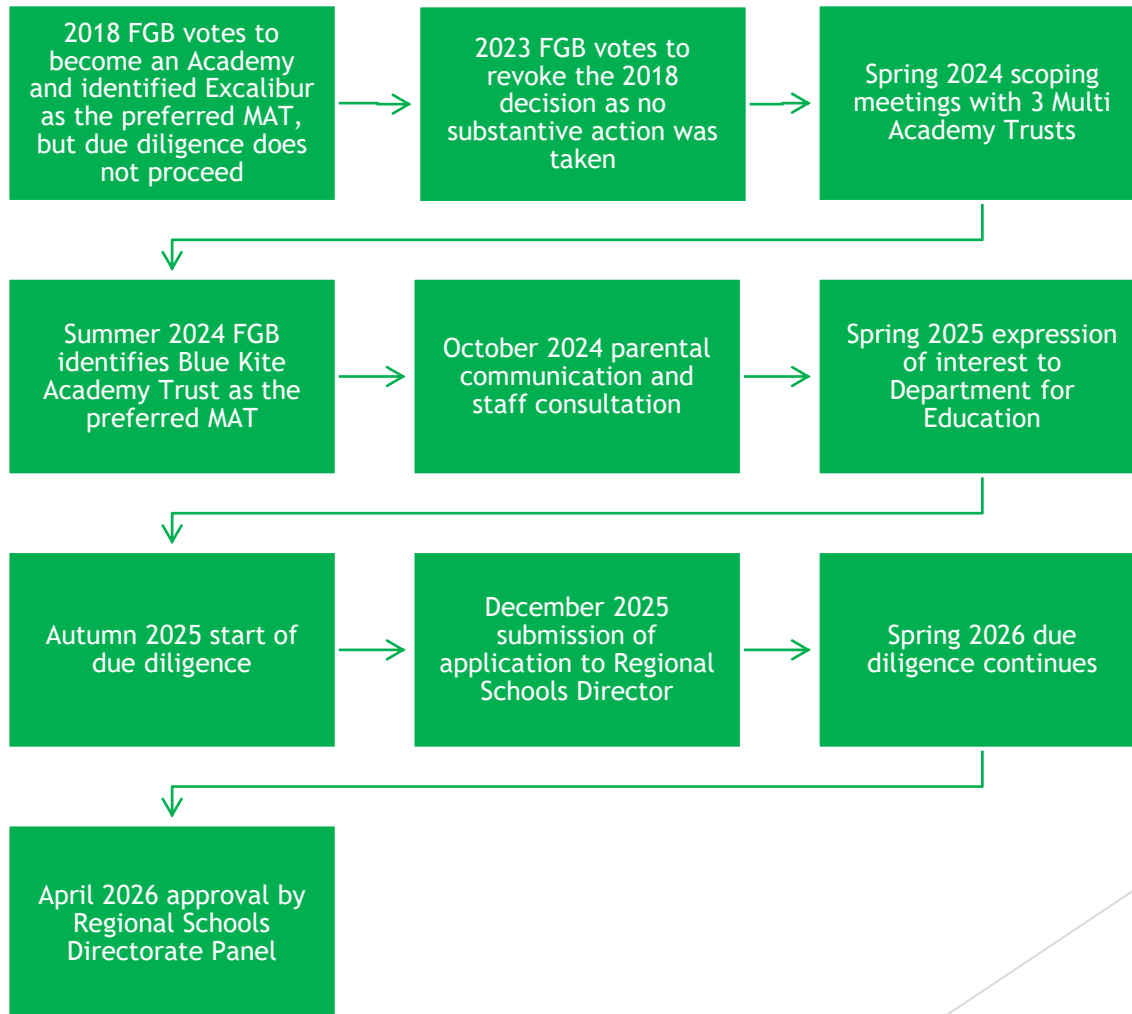
## *Introduction and context*

### *Why Consider Conversion?*

- ▶ Strengthen school improvement
- ▶ Shared expertise, resources and best practice
- ▶ Child-centred approach
- ▶ Broader curriculum and enrichment opportunities
- ▶ Enhanced staff development and collaboration
- ▶ Greater financial stability
- ▶ Stronger leadership and governance support
- ▶ Aligns with evolving local education landscape

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## *Timeline and journey so far*



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## *What is a MAT?*

- ▶ A Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) is a single, charitable company responsible for running a group of schools in England
- ▶ Blue Kite was founded in 2015 at Ferndale Primary School by school leaders
- ▶ Now 25 primary schools
- ▶ Community of schools sharing expertise and support
- ▶ Not-for-profit: surplus reinvested
- ▶ Governance: Members, Trustees, Local Governors
- ▶ Local Governors represent parents, staff and community



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## *What Being an Academy Means*

- ▶ Funded via Trust (not local authority)
- ▶ Still inspected by Ofsted
- ▶ Remains inclusive (including SEND support)
- ▶ More collaboration with local schools to develop best practice
- ▶ Greater flexibility in curriculum and organisation
- ▶ Builds on existing partnerships
- ▶ Access to wider pool of funding and resources

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*The Blue Kite Multi Academy Trust*

**Integrity. Quality. Care. Ambition. Creativity.**

## Values



*Everything we do has the overall well-being of our children at its core. Socially, emotionally, academically.*

*We believe in working together, being stronger than the sum of our parts. Stronger together.*

*We believe in having the highest expectations for our pupils and for our staff. We give our best for them to achieve their potential and we do not limit anyone's aspirations.*

*We believe in being creative and taking risks with education. To push boundaries and find the most effective ways for children to learn.*

*We believe that we should take care of our children, so that they not only feel safe but are inspired to learn.*

*We believe that our schools and our trust should be the best employers we can be.*

*We develop our staff and are considerate of their well-being.*

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## *Why Blue Kite?*

- ▶ Strong cultural fit and shared values
- ▶ Experienced leadership and support services
- ▶ Proven school improvement track record
- ▶ Strong capacity to support Lawn
- ▶ Investment in staff and pupil opportunities
- ▶ Existing partnership already delivering benefits

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## *What Won't Change*

- ▶ School name, logo, uniform
- ▶ School day and daily operations
- ▶ Vision and values
- ▶ Admissions via local authority
- ▶ Term dates (except one INSET day)
- ▶ Headteacher and leadership structure
- ▶ PTA (Friends of Lawn)

*“Whilst we work collaboratively as one Trust we believe that successful schools develop their own identity individually and are best placed to meet their local community needs.” - Blue Kite Academy Trust*

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*The benefits to Lawn being an Academy with Blue Kite*

- ▶ Experienced leadership
- ▶ Strong safeguarding and school improvement support
- ▶ High-quality CPD and career development
- ▶ Subject and leadership networks
- ▶ Lighthouse Team support for wellbeing and inclusion
- ▶ Specialist SEND support

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## *Wider benefits to Lawn being an Academy with Blue Kite*

- ▶ Trust-wide pupil events and enrichment
  - ▶ 'Blue Kite Games'
  - ▶ Inspiration Days
  - ▶ Pupil Parliament
- ▶ Strong local community links e.g. Blue Kite Festival of Song and Dance
- ▶ Robust governance and central services (HR, finance, estates)
- ▶ Premises, capital projects, and compliance support

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## *The consultation process*

- ▶ Unanimous FGB decision to proceed (July 2024)
- ▶ Staff consultation (Autumn 2024)
- ▶ Approval to proceed (April 2026)
- ▶ Parent/carer consultation (current)
- ▶ Feedback period (2 weeks)
- ▶ Final decision (July 2026)
- ▶ Proposed opening (Autumn/Winter 2026)

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## *Frequently Asked Questions*

- ▶ Uniform
- ▶ School day and term dates
- ▶ Admissions
- ▶ Leadership and governance
- ▶ Staff terms and conditions (Teaching & Support Staff)
- ▶ Funding

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## *Next Steps*

The closing date for representations to be made is

**Thursday 16th July 2026 at 5pm**

Representations can be made in writing to:

**clerkofgovernors@lawn-pri.swindon.sch.uk**

This information can also be found on the school website:

[www.lawn-pri.swindon.sch.uk](http://www.lawn-pri.swindon.sch.uk)

**Thank you for your continued support!**