

Response to the Consultation of Norton Infant School's proposed academy plans

The governing body of Norton Infant School have been exploring the academy landscape for some time. In order to secure the best future for our school, along with Norton Junior School, school leaders and the governing body have thoroughly researched the options available to us.

The initial letter sent on 23rd October 2018, inviting parent/carers to engage in the consultation process, addressed some of the typical FAQ's that parents/carers may have been concerned about.

We held consultation meetings on 12th November 2018. Many of the questions and concerns raised by parents and other stakeholders were addressed during those meetings.

Further information following on from the consultation is as follows:

Question: Will the day to day running of the school remain the same? Will the children notice any difference?

- The day to day running of the school will continue as it does currently, with myself as HeadTeacher working closely with senior leaders and staff to secure the best outcomes and experiences for all our children. Your child will not notice any difference.

Question: Will Norton Infants and Norton Juniors remain separate schools?

- Norton Infant School and Norton Junior School will remain as separate and unique schools but will continue to work closely together, along with schools within the XP Trust and our pyramid of local schools.

Question: Will the teaching style of the school change i.e. become more like that of XP?

- The teaching style at Norton Infant School will continue to develop as it would naturally. There are many commonalities between the style of teaching within the XP Trust schools and at Norton Infant School and we will continue to take on board new initiatives or approaches if we feel it is the best interests of our school. At Norton Infant School, we have already started working with schools within the XP Trust to improve aspects of our teaching and learning which we believe will improve outcomes for all.

Question: Please explain what XP are doing that is different?

- XP considers internationally acclaimed school improvement and practice, with a focus on character building, high quality work as well as a celebration of beautiful work. Their curriculum is academically rigorous, standards-based and university-bound. It is delivered through cross-subject learning expeditions. Their practice is based on the extremely successful schools of High Tech High and Expeditionary Learning schools across the USA. XP school culture is value driven.