

# Appendix A

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**Appendage consultation on change of status from  
Barley Voluntary Controlled First school to  
Barley Voluntary Aided First School  
To be completed by Thursday 8th March, 2018**

The federated governing board of Barley and Barkway First Schools Federation is seeking to consult with all stakeholders on the change of status for Barley First School from a Voluntary Controlled (VC) to a Voluntary Aided (VA) school. During our original proposal for Federation consultation in September/October 2016, this step was overlooked due to an administrative error. Barkway is already a Voluntary Aided school and in order for the Federation process to be complete the governing body would like Barley to change its status to Voluntary Aided.

### **Why should this happen?**

The governing body believes that it is strategically beneficial for the 2 schools to be aligned in terms of their status (VC/VA). In order to federate the new governing body had to be a VA structure and therefore the governing body believes that it makes sense for both schools to have VA status.

### **What is the difference between a voluntary aided and a voluntary controlled school?**

1. In a Voluntary Aided school Foundation Governors exceed any other category of governor by 2 . This is already in place in the new federation governing body. Besides foundation governors, our governing board has parent, local authority, co-opted and staff governors as before.
2. Staff are employed by the governing board of the school rather than the local authority. As part of the original consultation staff have already been made aware of the change in employment details through meetings held last academic year.
3. Voluntary aided schools are the admissions authority for their school.

### **Will it make a difference to the education of the children?**

No. Both schools are Church schools and come under the direction of the Diocese of St. Albans and have a distinctive Christian ethos. The schools follow the National Curriculum as prescribed by the Department for Education

**Further information**

There will be a drop in afternoon session for all stakeholders on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 2pm

A copy of this consultation is available from either school website and will be circulated to all stakeholders as before.

**Response form to Appendage Consultation on change of status of Barley First School from Voluntary Controlled (VC) to Voluntary Aided (VA) status**

Responses to be received by mid-day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Name:

Address: (Optional)

Postcode: (Optional)

1. I am a: (please tick box as appropriate)

Parent/Carer of a pupil at Barley First School	
Member of staff at Barley First School	
Governor at Barley/Barkway Federation	
Other interested party (Please state)	

2. What is your view of the proposal to change the status of Barley First School from a Voluntary Controlled (VC) to Voluntary Aided (VA) school? (please tick as appropriate)

I support the proposal	
I do not support the proposal	
I am not sure	

3. Would you like to provide more detail on your view? Do you have any further comments? (please continue on reverse of page if required)

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