



BARWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Consultation on a proposal to join Discovery Multi Academy Trust

To whom it may concern,

We are very proud of our achievements as a school but our governing body are considering whether joining Discovery Multi Academy Trust will help us to further improve and offer the very best for all of our children and staff. As a stand-alone academy, there are things that a multi-academy trust can offer which we cannot. For example, by joining Discovery, we would be able to provide:

- Better resources, for example computer devices for all children
- Access to wider opportunities, for example sports competitions, and e-sport competitions
- Working with schools from different phases, for example, primary, secondary and special schools, church and non-church schools
- Access to fantastic special needs support, including Educational Psychologists
- Professional development for all staff
- Achieving better value for money by being able to buy services as a group of schools
- Continuing to improve teaching and learning through collaboration with other teachers and leaders
- Developing our curriculum with other schools so that we can offer the best provision

Consultation

We are now consulting with staff, families and the community and seeking feedback on the proposal. The consultation period will run between the 2nd September 2025 and the 7th October 2025. There will be a virtual meeting on the 23rd September at 6:00pm held via Teams and we will also hold a face-to-face meeting on 24th September at 4:00pm in school. If you would like to attend either the virtual or face to face meeting, please email admin@barwellacademy.org requesting further details by Tuesday 16th September.

The governing body will then consider a report on the academy consultation before making a final decision on whether to proceed with the proposal.

If you have any feedback on the proposal that you would like to share with the governing body, please email mspence@barwellacademy.org on or before the 30th September 2025.

Kind regards,

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