

Killigrew MAT FAQs update 6.2.17

Q Can you explain the leadership structure for the MAT?

A There will be a CEO/Accounting Officer and a School Improvement Lead for the MAT which will be taken by the current Head of Falmouth Secondary School and Executive Headteacher of Killigrew. Having analysed their skill sets, Mr Miners will be the CEO and Mrs Fortey will be the School Improvement Lead. They will both continue to lead their own schools. This structure has been chosen to maximise the current senior leadership skills without adding a layer of unnecessary leadership at a cost to the schools.

Q Will there be a more detailed business plan available so that stakeholders can clearly understand the potential risks and benefits of the three schools joining.

A Financial due diligence is still being carried out and the Governing Board will have detailed projections upon which to make their decision and appropriate information will be shared.

Q Is there a conflict of interest in the Chair of the Killigrew Governing Board also being a Governor at Falmouth Secondary school?

A The Killigrew Governing Board strive to carry out their role in accordance with the seven Nolan principles of public life: Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership.

The Chair of Killigrew always declares his interest at the beginning of meetings but in the spirit of integrity, the Governing Board will discuss any potential conflict in his dual role without him being present.

Q How can parents continue to ask questions about the MAT now that the consultation process has finished?

A There is a school email address which will be monitored by the Clerk to the Governing Board and questions will be passed on to a small group of Governors for response. It is important that the Governing Board is still able to focus on its school improvement role. The e-mail address is chairman@killigrewpartnership.cornwall.sch.uk

Q What is the timescale for the final decision of the Governing Board and conversion?

A The Governors have a meeting in March to decide whether they have all the information they need in order to make a fully informed decision. At this point, the Board will either be clear about the specific pieces of information still needed or will make the decision whether to form the MAT or not. If the decision is positive, then a likely conversion date would be the 1st of June. However, a school can convert on the 1st of any month and legal work can sometimes delay planned dates.

Q What will parental engagement look like if the MAT goes ahead?

A This MAT is all about locality so active engagement of parents and the local community will be a key to its success. As with everything Killigrew does, and regardless of whether the schools form the MAT or not, we want to develop the 'Gold Standard' of community engagement and we look forward to exploring and developing this with all our stakeholders in the future.