

Ainderby Steeple and Kirkby Fleetham parents, 11.7.17

Question: How many pupils will there be in total within the MAT?

Answer: Approximately 1650

Question: What does PFI stand for?

Answer: Private Finance Initiative

Question: What happens if you change the curriculum and performance dips?

Answer: School leaders adapt the curriculum regularly to reflect the needs of learners whilst still following the national curriculum and we envisage this would continue to be the case as an academy. The responsibility is on school leaders and governors to ensure performance remains high and continues to improve and they will need to monitor impact throughout. They will report to the Board of Trustees who are accountable for the school's performance and at any level

colleagues can challenge performance ensuring they are satisfied with measures that are in place to secure and improve high performance and outcomes for all pupils.

Question: What delegations will a Headteacher and governors have?

Answer: Pretty much the same as they have now. The heads have been developing a Scheme of Delegation which will be the Trusts compliance document that delegates authority to Heads, Governors and Trustees. This is in draft form and when complete will be available on all the school's websites.

Question: What do we do when contracts/SLAs end?

Answer: We evaluate all contracts on an ongoing basis for best value and this will continue as an academy. We may decide to buy collective SLAs as it should generate efficiencies and equally there may be contracts we enter into that are just for our school. Procurement policies and procedures would need to be followed in line with the scheme of delegation and levels of authority agreed.

Question: Is there flexibility in a MAT to manage deficit budgets?

Answer: There is some flexibility to manage a deficit budget but it is not best practice and there would have to be a justifiable and agreed reason for such a position.

Question: Where does the friends funds go?

Answer: Funds raised from friends groups or PTAs will remain with the respective schools.

Question: Will SEN be assessed as it is now?

Answer: Yes, this will remain exactly as is with the LA.