

Manchester Diocese Board of Education Academy Roadshow

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Diocese of Manchester

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Aims

- To review government policy and direction
- To consider the geographical landscape across Manchester Diocese
- To focus on MDBE vision for all schools
- To share diocesan policy and strategy
- To address misconceptions
- To answer questions



THE WHITE PAPER (HM GOV, 2022)

Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child

- By 2030 all schools to be in a trust or plans to join one
- Focus on schools with 2/more RI Ofsted judgements
- Education Investment Areas and Priority Areas of particular interest
- Growth of strong trusts (10 schools/7,500 pupils)



CURRENT LANDSCAPE ACROSS MDBE

Local Authority	Number of Academies	Total Number of Schools
Blackburn & Darwen	0	1
Bolton	11	32
Bury	6	20
Lancashire	1	8
Manchester	7	27
Oldham	6	28
Rochdale	3	21
Salford	3	18
Stockport	1	5
Tameside	2	12
Trafford	1	4
Wigan	2	15
Total number schools	43	192

MDBE VISION

The vision of the Diocese of Manchester is to be a worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community. The desire is to be a church for a different world.

- Growing
- Nurturing
- Serving



MANCHESTER DIOCESE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACADEMY POLICY

Applications from CE Voluntary Aided schools

Consent will only be considered for applications to join with an overall CE majority (ie a VA model).

Applications from CE Voluntary Controlled/Foundation schools

Consent will only be considered for applications to join:

- An academy trust with an overall CE majority; OR
- An academy trust with 25% CE minority trusteeship (eg a VC model); OR
- A 'community based' multi-academy trust (MAT) that was prepared to reconstitute to a 25% CE minority trusteeship and foundation guarantees in the Articles of Association.

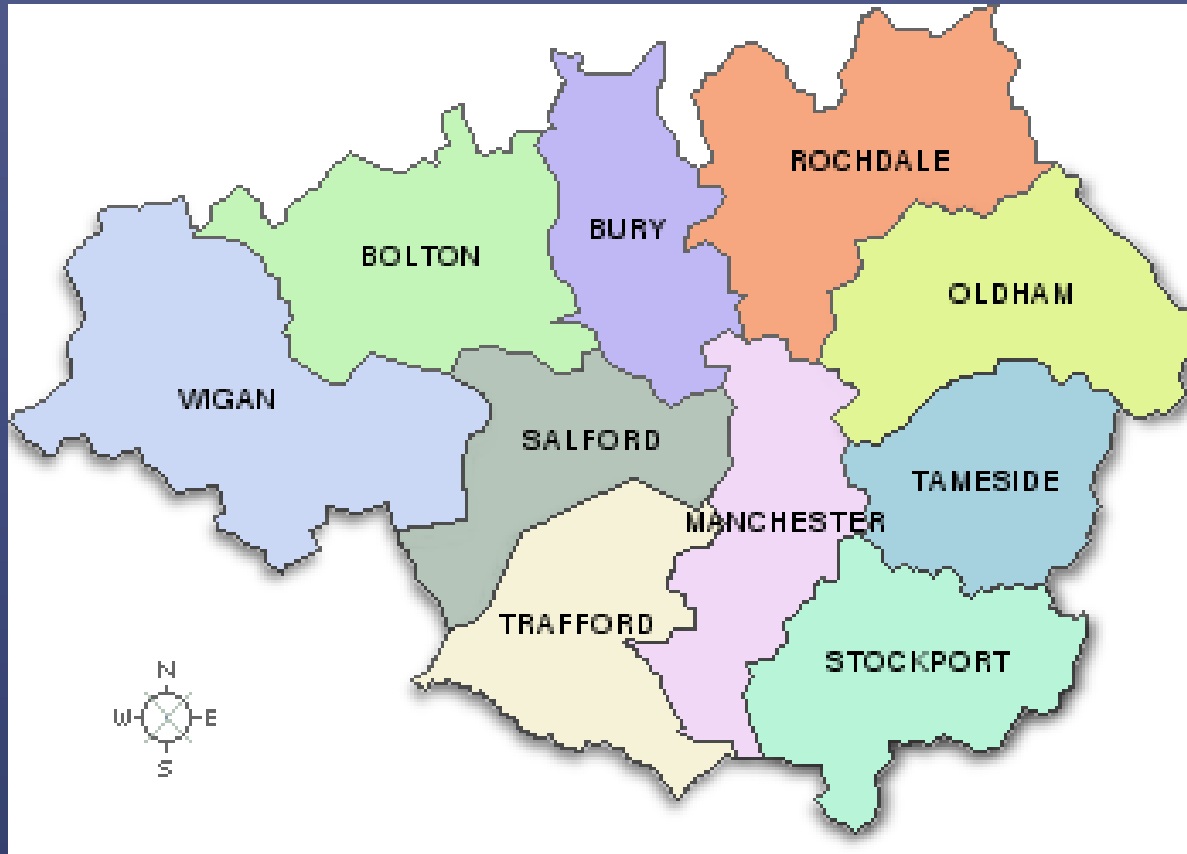
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Applications from CE/Methodist or other joint denominational Voluntary Controlled schools

Consent will only be considered for applications to join:

- An academy trust with an overall CE or Methodist majority;
OR
- An academy trust with 25% CE minority trusteeship (eg a VC model); OR
- A 'community based' multi-academy trust (MAT) that was prepared to reconstitute to a 25% CE minority trusteeship and foundation guarantees in the Articles of Association.

Update on Education Investment Areas, and Priority Areas



7 of the 10 Greater Manchester areas are Education Investment Areas (Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Manchester, Oldham, Salford, Tameside)

4 of these 7 areas are Priority Areas (Rochdale, Tameside, Oldham, Salford)

MDBE STRATEGY: SCHOOLS

- Framework regarding options, not prescriptive
- Recognises importance of local links, partnerships valued
- Applies to all schools
- Recommended list of CE MATs
- MDBE policy consistently applied
- EIAs, PAs & RSC
- Governance protections in line with MoU
- Local hub model encouraged

MDBE STRATEGY: MATs

- MATs across LAs
- Open to all schools
- Welcome to community schools
- Diocesan/MC/PCC representation at Member/trustee/LGB level
- Diocesan training regarding sustaining & developing Christian distinctiveness
- Growth of current MATs

Process

- Inform DBE/RD of initial interest
- Explore MATs
- Due diligence
- Consult
- Apply for MDBE permission
- Apply for Regional Director's permission

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/convert-to-an-academy-information-for-schools>



Process to academisation

Information required:

- School capital & revue for 3 years
- Any loans/leases
- Projected pupil numbers for 3 years
- School building information
- Land ownership information
- Consultation information

Evidence required

- Resolution passed by GB
- Letter from MAT hoping to join
- MDBE letter of consent
- Letter of consent from Foundation trust (if appropriate)

FURTHER READING

- **'The White Paper: Opportunity for All: strong schools with great teachers for your child'** (HM Gov, 2022)
- **'The case for a fully trust-led system'** (DfE, 2022)
- **'Memorandum of Understanding between the National Society and the Department of Education'** (DfE, 2016)
- **MDBE Academy Strategy, FAQs, Guide for Governing Bodies**

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/about-us/schools/educationsupportforschools/educationsupportforschoolsacademies/>

- **'Church of England schools will be at the heart of the school system for the future'** (2022)

<https://www.cefel.org.uk/NigelGenders/>

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS