



## St Nicholas C.E.V.C Primary School

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Friday, 30 January 2026

Dear Headteachers,

I am writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, the governing body of St. Nicholas CEVC Primary School is proposing to explore conversion to an academy. We have approached the Department for Education to obtain an academy order, giving permission to start this process.

In seeking to convert to an academy, our priority is to ensure we continue to provide a high-quality education for our pupils. We believe that joining an academy trust will provide greater financial flexibility and stability, helping to secure the school's future and support continued improvement.

St. Nicholas CEVC Primary School is proposing to join Medway Anglican Schools Trust (MAST) as part of its academisation process. MAST is a Church-led multi-academy trust with a clear vision, a strong commitment to high standards, and a proven approach to collaboration and shared support. We have been working closely with MAST since September 2025, developing a shared understanding of values, expectations, and ways of working. This period of engagement has provided confidence that the trust is well placed to support the school's continued improvement, sustainability, and distinct Church school identity.

Before proceeding with the conversion, there will be a formal consultation in which we invite you to share your views and ask any questions you may have. Governors will carefully consider all responses received before making any final decision. There are a number of ways you can take part in this consultation.

### **What does the consultation involve?**

During the consultation, we will be communicating with children, staff, parents and carers (of current and future pupils), the local community, and other stakeholders. The consultation period begins on 30/01/2026 and ends on 02/03/2026

### **The consultation process**

There will be opportunities for you to express your views about the proposed move to academy status, as outlined below.

### **Public and Open Meeting**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of February 5pm- 6pm at *St. Nicholas CEVC Primary School*

All are welcome to attend.



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To respond to this consultation on whether the conversion of the school to academy status should take place, representations can only be considered by governors if made in writing via this online form: <https://forms.gle/agPIHU1n6MuKfaGW7>

This is an exciting opportunity to help shape the future of St. Nicholas CEVC Primary School, strengthen our Christian character and values, and continue to secure the very best outcomes for our pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact me, as outlined above, if you have any comments or questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Wilson  
Chair of Governors  
St. Nicholas CEVC Primary School



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