



UNITED ENDEAVOUR TRUST

Arrangements for Associate Members

We recognise that the changing relationship between local authorities and schools, brought about by the academies programme, has provided the catalyst for schools to increasingly look to each other for support. We know that through trust working and collaboration we have seen many benefits:

- it facilitates the transfer of skills allowing for the sharing and development of leadership and management capacity;
- it encourages the pooling of resources with a focus on shared procurement, leading to efficiencies and cost savings;
- a common identity focuses messages and a shared vision and values engenders a sense of belonging and responsibility;
- it promotes consistency without necessarily losing identity and uniqueness;
- it facilitates strategic thinking and long term place and resource planning.

Whilst informal collaboration is common and effective across our trust and learning community, we are increasingly seeing the sustained benefit in formalising the way in which schools work together. This may be in response to an agreement to jointly fund strategic projects or to address a need to identify a support network for schools seeking independence from local authorities by becoming academies.

We are a Multi-Academy Trust who wish to widen our 'family' of partners and so offer associate membership.

Associate Arrangements

We can support where schools want to join in sharing the benefits of being part of a wider group but stay a maintained school, or become academies under a supported arrangement but without converting into our multi academy trust. Any type of school can be involved, i.e. academy or

maintained school, as well as other strategic partners (e.g. local businesses or universities) and religious authorities.

Under this option your school will remain an individual Academy or Maintained School and will retain your own governance arrangements and funding directly for use at your school. It also means that each academy or school within the cluster can maintain its own identity and ethos. Under the Associate arrangements of UET you can then join collaborative arrangements and purchase core services and school improvement services by negotiation.

United Endeavour Trust is a separate legal body of which all the academies and schools in the cluster can be members.

The constitution arrangements are set out in straight forward governing documents of UET (the memorandum and articles of association) and these can only be varied by formal resolutions once in place.

Our presentation, found on our website under the heading 'Join Us', gives more information on converting to an academy within UET, including more details of the services and benefits which we can offer. These services are also available under Associate Arrangements

<http://www.uetrust.org/join-us/converting-to-an-academy-within-uet/>

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