

FAQs - becoming a sponsored academy

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These are the frequently asked questions (FAQs) we get asked by schools acquiring sponsored academy status.

Initial stages

1. Our school has just been judged 'Inadequate' by Ofsted. Will we now be forced to become a sponsored academy?
2. We are not an 'inadequate' school but we have been told that we have to become an academy. Is there anything we can do?
3. We think it would be in our interests to become an academy but we know we are not strong enough to become an academy on our own. Can we choose to become a sponsored academy?
4. We are an existing academy school. Can we be made into a sponsored academy?

Understanding sponsorship

5. What is the difference between a sponsored academy and a converter academy?
6. How will we know how much the pre-opening grant will be?
7. Will any other funding be available?
8. Who will be our 'academy sponsor'? Will we have a say?

Process

10. What is the process for becoming a sponsored academy?
9. Are we required to consult with the school's stakeholders?

Governance

11. Who are the members and trustees of the academy trust?

12. What powers will our LGB have?

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