



Chigwell Row Infant School

Epping Forest Multi Academy
Trust (MAT) Meeting
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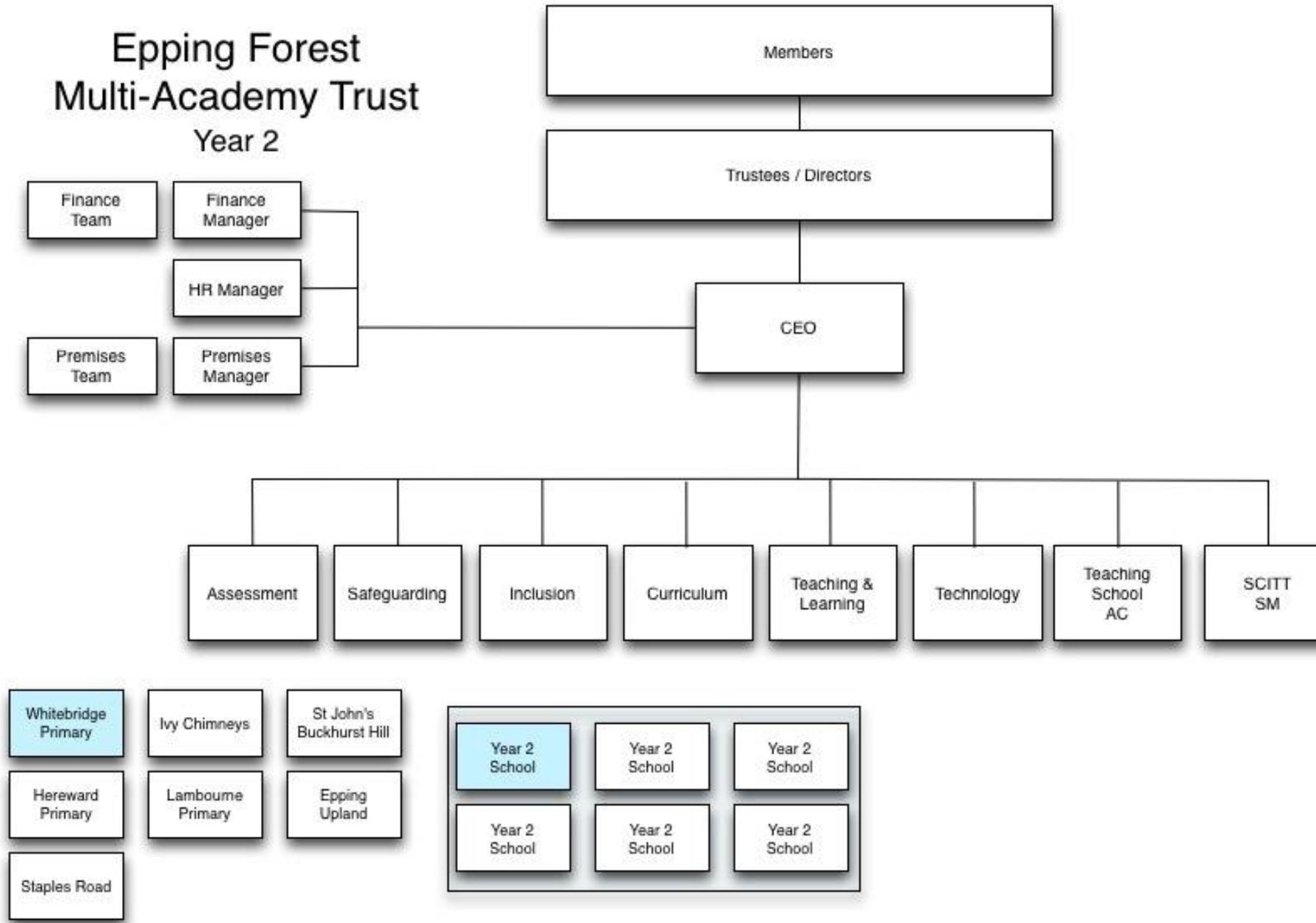
What is a MAT?

A single organisation established to enable schools to collaborate strategically in order to improve & maintain high educational standards.



How is a MAT organised?

Epping Forest
Multi-Academy Trust
Year 2





Why are we considering joining a MAT?

1. At some point all schools will be academies. It's not an if ... it's a when.
2. Currently we can choose which schools to be with.
3. Reduced support from the Local Authority.
4. Greater opportunities for working together for school improvement within a MAT.
5. Shape it to what we believe will benefit our children-ensure money is spent on Teaching & Learning not on a level of bureaucracy



What would be our aims?

(Some are...)

- Preserve the working relationship & trust created by the Epping Forest Area Schools Group.
- To preserve the individual identity of all schools within the MAT.
- To fully delegate the day to day running of each school to the Headteacher.
- Shared curriculum opportunities for our children.
- Distributed leadership involving current Heads.
- Deliver economies of scale through shared procurement of resources & services including support for Continuing Professional Development.
- To aspire to achieve high standards through professional challenge & holding each other to account.
- Identifying & capitalising on key strengths that already exist within the MAT for the benefit of our children.



Who are we proposing to join with?

15 schools who are already in the Epping Forest Area Schools Group.

- *A group of schools who have been working together for over 25 years - a group we already have good relationship with.

- *We 'share' a finance officer.

- *We have links with our local teaching school.

- *We access additional services.



When would we become part of a MAT?

The first group of 9 schools will form the Epping Forest Schools Partnership Trust by the end of April 2018.

Chigwell Row would be in the second wave of 7 schools aiming to join the MAT by September 2018.



What do members do?

They are the equivalent of the shareholders in a commercial company (save that they do not receive dividends). In simple terms the Members "own" the Academy Trust. They have a number of statutory rights & rights set out in the Academy Trust's Articles of Association (the Articles). The Members do not have any specific duties imposed on them by the Companies Act 2006 but they are asked to provide a 'guarantee' such that, if the Academy Trust were to be wound up and the assets did not meet all of its liabilities, they would be asked to contribute £10.



What do trustees do?

They are responsible for the carrying out of the business of the charity/Trust, i.e. the running of the academies, though management responsibility will be delegated further still to the Chief Executive Officer & the headteachers of the academies. The Trustees will also be the directors of the Trust, given the Trust is a company, & will have to act in the best interest of the Trust. Members do not have the same responsibility to act in the best interests of the Trust (although it is assumed that they will).



What financial implications are there?

- ▶ **Short Term** funded through de-delegation
For Example (based on starting with 7 schools).
- ▶ Income £192,000 (de-delegation, current commitments).
- ▶ Costs CEO, Head of Finance, Finance Support, HR 3 days a week, Admin support and IT Apprenticeship £189,000.
- ▶ **Longer Term** savings through joint buying power.