

Governors' Consultation with Parents & the Community

Frieth CE School

28 January 2021

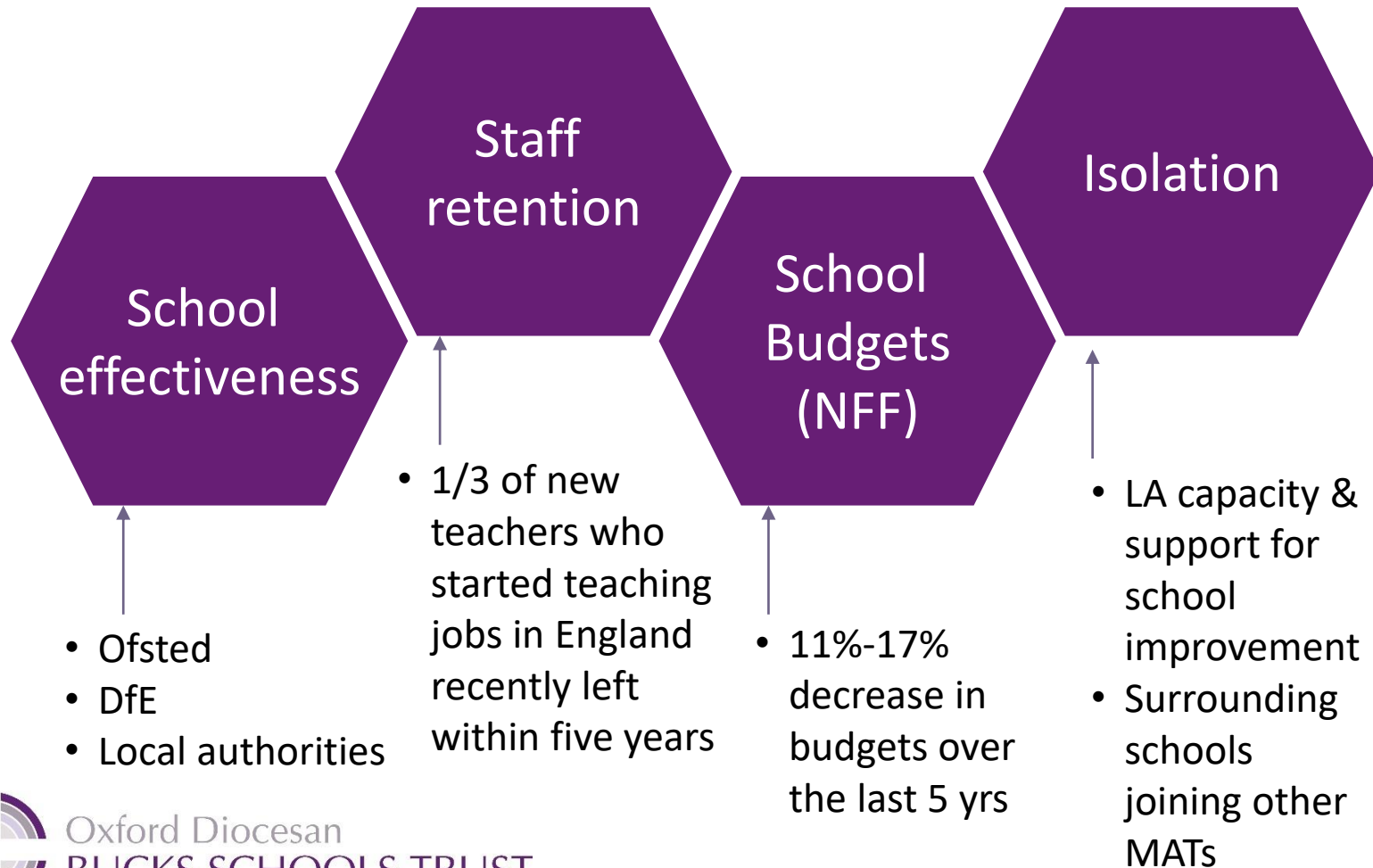


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Welcome

i. Welcome & Introductions	Merelina Tebbot – Chair of Governors
ii. The background to Frieth’s consultation	
The Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust	Sulina Piesse – CEO (ODBST) David Cousins - SIM (ODBST)
iii. Presentation on the Trust, academisation and the decision process	
iv. Question time	Governors & ODBST
v. Summary and thanks	Merelina Tebbot – Chair of Governors

The context for schools is continually changing



What is an Academy?

- State-funded school directly funded by the Department for Education
- Launched in 2000, with the aim of boosting struggling schools.
- Since 2010 the number of academies has risen rapidly
- Now schools rated 'outstanding' or 'performing well' by Ofsted get priority
- Independent of local authority 'control'
- More freedom to decide certain things for themselves, for example, curriculum, finances, term dates and school days.
- New Academies must join a Multi Academy Trust (MAT)

The Oxford Diocese - 'The Oxford Diocesan Board of Education'

- 285 church schools across 9 Local Authorities
- Diocese has a statutory responsibility for SIAMS, RE and Collective Worship
- Well established School Improvement Service supporting schools (through SLA)
- BUT not allowed to 'maintain' schools and so have established two MATs who can.



The Diocesan Multi Academy Trusts

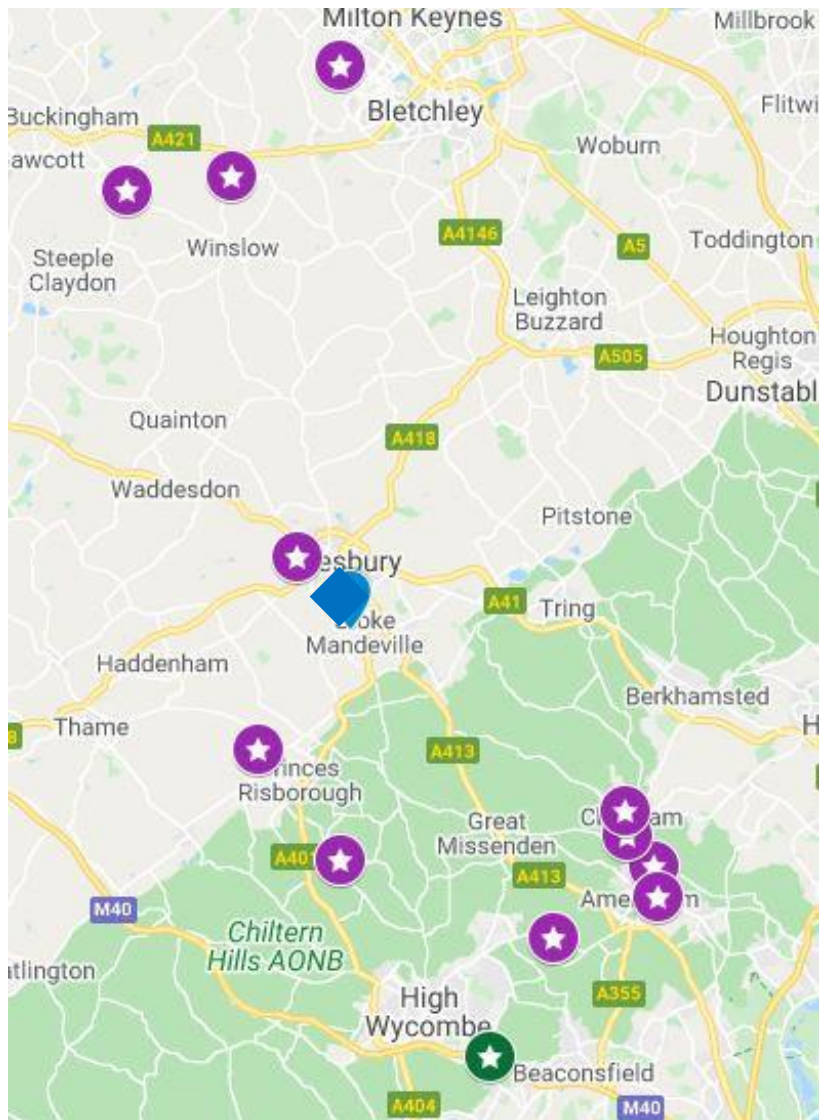


Established 2012
38 Schools
1 academy order
Serves Oxfordshire and
Windsor & Maidenhead



Established September 2017
11 schools
2 academy orders
Serves Buckinghamshire &
Milton Keynes

ODBST is currently formed of eleven schools



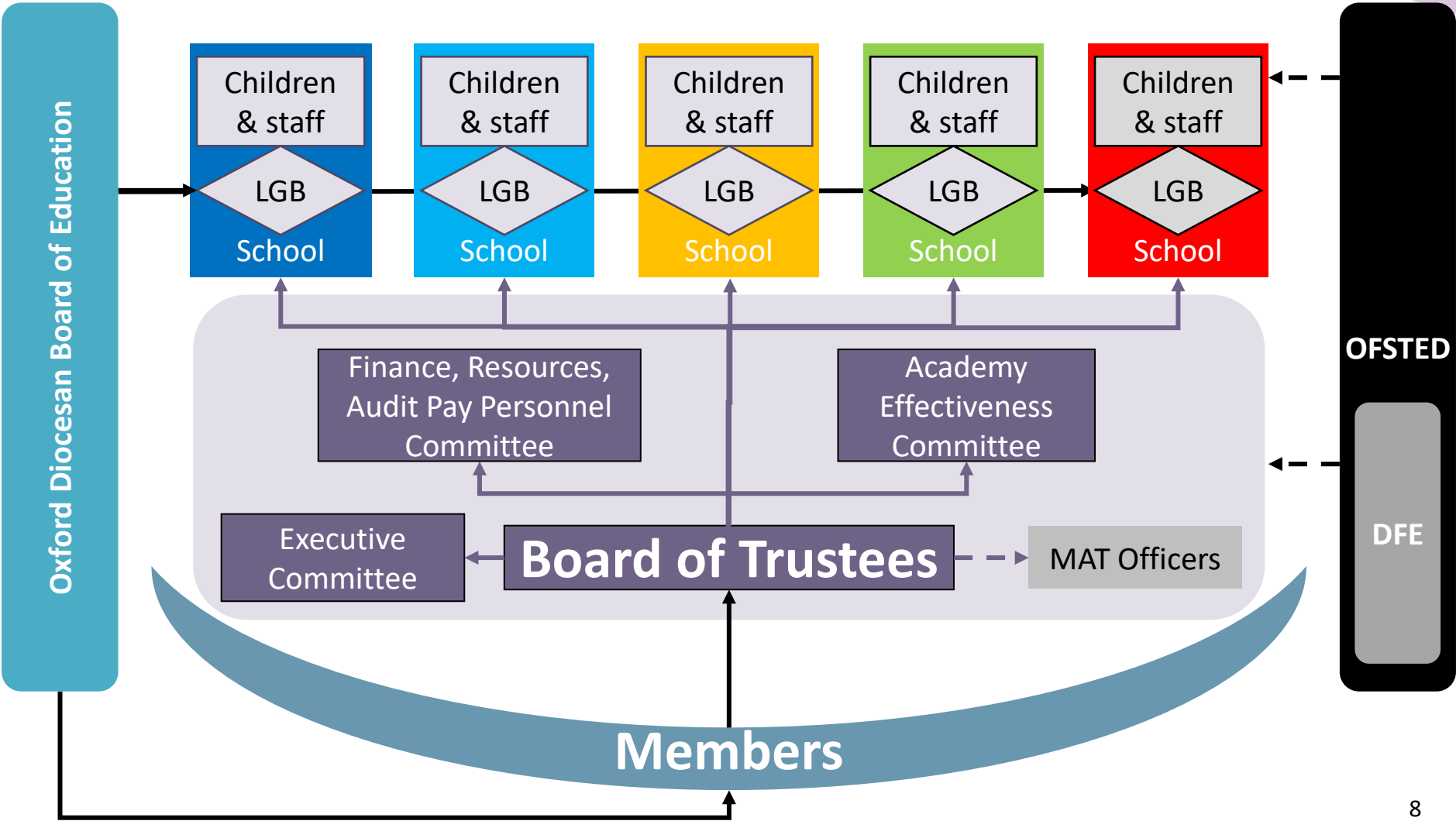
ODBST Schools

- ★ Chesham Bois CE School
- ★ Thomas Harding Junior School
- ★ Great Horwood CE School
- ★ Padbury CE School
- ★ St John's CE Primary School, Lacey Green
- ★ Longwick CE Combined School
- ★ Christ the Sower Ecumenical School
- ★ Woodside Junior School
- ★ St Mary's CE, Aylesbury
- ★ Curzon CE Combined School
- ★ Elmtree Infant School

Academy Order Issued

- ★ Loudwater Combined School
- ◆ Trust HQ

ODBST Company Structure



Bucks Schools Trust: Members

The four Members of the Trust are appointments of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education

- 1. Oxford Diocesan Board of Education**, acting Corporately (currently named as Gordon Joyner)
- 2. The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft**, Bishop of Oxford
- 3. Peter Norman**
- 4. Maureen Lomas**

ODBST: Trustees

There are currently ten Trustees appointed by the Members and two ex officio appointments



Malcolm Peckham
Chairman



Michael Phipps
Vice Chairman



The Rt Rev Dr Alan Wilson



Steven Edgar
Chair AEC



Kirsteen Roberts
Chair FRAPP



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Diocesan Director of Education



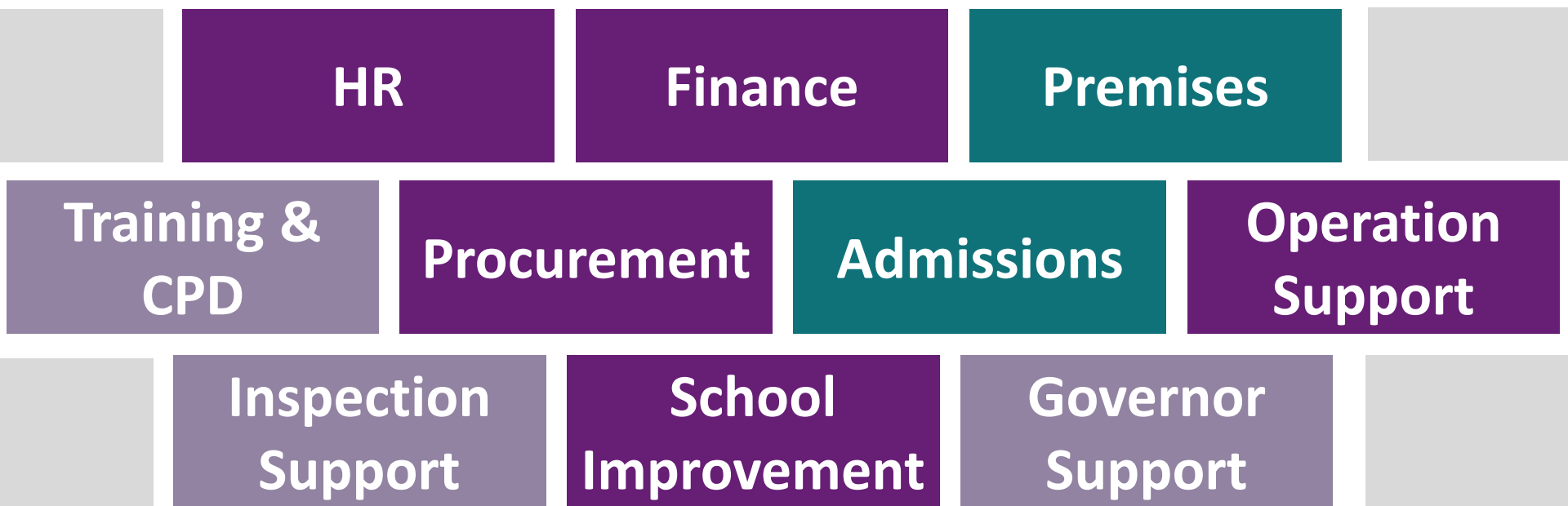
Sulina Piesse
Chief Executive Officer

Ex-officio

Ex-officio

ODBST Service Provision

Services to academies in the Trust are provided by the Trust or in partnership with the Diocese



What will becoming an academy mean?

- More money?
- New buildings?
- New teachers?
- Changed admissions?
- Different catchment?
- Improved standards?
- Extra costs?

Who makes the decision?

- The governing body is required to consult with **interested parties** about this decision (but it is not a referendum)
- The decision for your school to become an academy rests with the **governing body**
- Each party will conduct extensive due diligence to ensure the decision is in the best interests of the pupils and community
- The **Regional Schools Commissioner** needs to approve an Academy Order (which releases funding for the conversion work)
- **Secretary of State for Education** executes the conversion with signing and sealing of legal documents

Questions?

Why have the governors decided to convert to an academy with ODBST? (Key reasons/benefits for school and children and disadvantages)	What guarantee can you provide that the best interests of the school will be the focus point and not the trust to maximise their profits?
Will this attract a headteacher? Is it likely we will not get one until the decision has been made?	Will this mean the school has less teachers or different teachers?
Will it change any structure? (staff, teacher, governor)	What support will the Trust provide?
How will the change impact on the children; the education they receive, the environment etc? Will it improve the resources and quality of teaching?	What are the proposed timescales? How will the consultation process work?
What drawbacks are there to ODBST?	Will there be an impact on the admissions criteria and application process?
Will the school change its name and/or uniform?	How will being an academy change things on a day to day basis for children and staff?
How will becoming an ODBST Academy benefit the school?	How would this impacting on Ofsted re-visiting, re-rating the school and the plan to improve?

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