

APPENDIX 1: Childrens and Families Committee: School Academisation – Forward Plan**Date of Meeting: 7 April 2025**

Key	Academy conversion completed
	Academy conversion in progress
	Change of information from previous report

The following table provides the latest position on school academy conversions. Any schools logged as completed in the previous September 2024 report have been removed from the table.

Maintained School Conversion to Academy

School	Phase	Status	Core School information Numbers of Pupils on Roll (NoR)	Conversion Dates Proposed (P) Actual (A)	Commentary
COMPLETED					
Lower Park School	Primary	Community Maintained	NoR: 277 Net capacity: 280 Ofsted: Good, November 2023	A: 01/01/25	Academy Order received 23 May 2024 Joined Halliard Trust
St John's CofE Primary, Sandbach	Primary	Voluntary Aided Maintained	NoR: 187 Net capacity: 210 Ofsted: Special Measures, September 2023	A: 01/01/25	Directive Academy Order received 19 February 2024 Joined North West Academies Trust
Cledford Primary School	Primary	Community Maintained (Federation with Gainsborough)	NoR: 408 Net capacity: 420 Ofsted: Good, May 2019	A: 01/02/25	Academy Order granted to join the Alexandra Academies Trust, 19/12/23
Gainsborough	Primary	Community Maintained (Federation with Cledford)	NoR: 389 Net capacity: 450 Ofsted: Good, May 2022	A: 01/02/25	Academy Order granted to join the Alexandra Academies Trust, 19/12/23
IN PROGRESS					

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School	Primary	Voluntary Aided Maintained	NoR: 208 Net capacity: 210 Ofsted: Good, February 2022	P: 01/04/25	Academy Order received 24 June 2024 Plan to join Our Lady Help Of Christians Catholic Academy Trust
Hurdsfield Community Primary School	Primary	Community Maintained	NoR: 166 Net capacity: 188 Ofsted: Good, May 2022	P: 01/04/25	Academy Order received 3 July 2024 Plan to join The Aspire Educational Trust
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Middlewich	Primary	Voluntary Aided Maintained	NoR: 182 Net capacity: 230 Ofsted: Good, January 2024	P: 01/06/25	Academy Order received 24 June 2024 Plan to join Our Lady Help Of Christians Catholic Academy Trust
CHANGE OF INFORMATION FROM PRIOR REPORT					
N/A					

Provided for Information Only – the following transfers are not required to be presented to Committee for agreement

Single Trust and/or MAT to MAT Transfer

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COMPLETED					
Stapeley Board Lane C of E Primary, Nantwich	Primary	Single academy trust	Previously one CE Primary School	A: 01/01/25	Transferred to The Cornovii Trust, seven academies (two secondary and five primary)
IN PROGRESS					
Marlfields Primary School, Congleton (Congleton Primary Academy Trust Limited)	Primary	Single academy trust	Currently one CE Primary School	P: 01/04/25	Plan to transfer to Children First Learning Partnership, Stoke Trust, currently with six Staffordshire Primary Schools
Rural Church Schools Academy Trust, Nantwich	Primary	Multi-academy trust	Currently three CE Primary Schools: Warmingham CofE Primary School, St Oswald's Worleston CofE Primary School, Bunbury Aldersey CofE Primary School	P: 01/04/25	Plan to transfer to Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT), currently 18 academies
CHANGE OF INFORMATION FROM PRIOR REPORT					
N/A					