



# Anthony Gell School

09 May 2022

## Consulting on a proposal to convert to Academy status and join the Embark Federation Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)

The governors of Anthony Gell School (AGS) propose we should convert to academy status and join the [Embark Federation Multi-Academy Trust](#) alongside three other strong Derbyshire secondary schools: Aldercar High School, Buxton Community School and Parkside Community School.

This proposal has been discussed thoroughly at governing board level. Governors have been investigating the options open to us since 2015 and have rejected various alternatives because we did not believe that they would be the best way forward for AGS. We are determined to make the best decision for our school and not rush into academisation. We have taken great care to explore a wide range of possible scenarios which could help to better ensure the ongoing provision of high quality, inclusive, education for all who attend AGS now and in the future.

As part of our wider school community, we would welcome your contribution to the consultation process.

It is important to be clear that should the school convert to an academy and become part of the MAT being considered, then the school will retain its strong ethos and values, identity, and place within our community, whilst retaining local governance.

**The formal consultation period will run from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

Further details about what becoming an academy may mean for the school are on the school website <https://www.anthonygell.co.uk/our-school/academisation/>. These pages on the school's website will also provide more detail about the proposal, the options governors have considered, and the Embark Federation.

We are proud of our close links and good working relationships with our local authority, neighbouring schools and the strong links between primary and secondary schools in our wider community. It is important to emphasise that these excellent partnerships will remain in place should the school join Embark.

Once again, thank you for your continued commitment and relationship with the school. We welcome your comments on our proposals for moving forward.

Please send any feedback you may have, and let us know whether you agree or disagree with this proposal by emailing [consultation@anthonygell.co.uk](mailto:consultation@anthonygell.co.uk). Governors will carefully review all the feedback received during our consultation, before deciding whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes. Governors will ensure updates are provided after this period of consultation which ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Lee Stephens, Chair of Governors**

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