

What do I need to do now?

We would like to hear your views on the proposals .
No decision will be taken until the end of the consultation process.

Representations can be made by email or in writing.
Alternatively you can visit the school website to submit a form online.

We must receive your comments by **noon on Friday 1st March 2019** for them to be considered. The Governing Body will then meet to consider any responses made and decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

A public consultation meeting is also being held in school on **12 February 2019** at **7.00 pm** for those who wish to find out more information about the proposal.

We consider your views to be very important and hope that you are able to help us to determine the best way forward for our school.

Process Timescale

Four week consultation with parents, carers, students, staff and community begins **noon on Friday 1st February 2019 to noon on Friday 1st March 2019.**

Consultation Meetings on Tuesday 12 February 2019:

Staff meeting: **3.30 pm**

Parents/Carers: **5.30 pm**

Additionally, an **open meeting** for anyone interested in the proposal or anyone who has not been able to attend one of the above meetings will be held on **Tuesday 12 February at 7.00 pm**

Representations can be made in writing to:

Mrs L Lakin - Wetherby High School, Hallfield Lane, Wetherby, LS22 6JS.

Or by email to:

pmegally@wetherbyhigh.org.uk

The closing time and date for representations to be made is **noon on Friday 1st March 2019.**



Wetherby high School

Wetherby High School is currently a Trust School with a foundation known as The Educational Trust for Wetherby.

The governing body is now consulting on whether the school should change its status and remove the link with the Trust.

Further information about what this proposal means, and how to comment on the proposal, is set out in this leaflet.

What's happening?

Wetherby High School is currently what is known as a Trust School with a foundation called **The Education Trust for Wetherby** . This is a legal partnership with The British Library.

The governing body believes that it is in the best interests of the school to remove its link to the Trust and is consulting on whether or not to bring about this change of status.

What are the benefits for the school?

Following a great deal of research, discussion and consideration the Governing Body is of the opinion that this current arrangement for the school no longer meets the needs of our school and the community that it serves. They believe that in the current educational climate, a trust with only one school in the partnership is not getting the benefits that could be gained by working with other schools and organisations.

By removing the link to the Trust, the school will be able to consider other collaborations with like-minded organisations that want to come together to support children, young people, adults and families.

Any on-going work with The British Library will not be affected

What will Change?

There would be no change either outside of the school or in the day to day running of it.

For the school it means:

The land and assets which are currently held 'on trust' by the Trust will be returned to the Governing Body.

There will no longer be a need for Foundation Governors on the Governing Body. This just means that existing governors will become co-opted governors.

The school's legal status will be known as a Foundation School without a Foundation but will remain a maintained school within Leeds Local Authority.

What Doesn't Change?

The school name

Admission arrangements

Staff

The uniform

What it does do is give the school chance to explore future options to support school improvement for the Wetherby community.

How can I find out more information?

The consultation process will begin on Friday **1st February 2019** . You can find out more by reading the information on the school's website or attending meetings where there will be opportunity for you to ask any questions and access any further information from the school.

You will be able to respond in writing and will be able to attend information meetings. There will be people during the consultation period, that you can ask to speak to who will answer your questions and take note of your views.

The consultation is open to everyone who might be affected by the proposed changes: students, parents/ carers, staff, governors, potential partners and the wider community.

Governors will take account of feedback before making a decision on whether to proceed with the idea.