

Key dates for academy conversions 2021/22

The following dates are important for Church of England schools within the Diocese of Gloucester considering conversion to an academy and/or joining an academy trust in the academic year 2021/22 to be aware of.

Q: Why are these dates important?

A: Church of England schools within the Diocese of Gloucester are required to submit an 'Application for Conditional Consent to Convert to a Multi Academy Trust'. The initial application from governing boards is considered by the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) Academy Consent Request Committee who follow the process set out in the 'Applying for Conditional Consent to Convert to a Multi Academy Trust Flow Chart'. The dates shown in the table below have been set to enable the local process to flow smoothly into the DfE Advisory Board meetings, where final decisions on schools converting to an academy are considered.

Q. What happens if no-one from the governing board or aspirant trust is available to attend a meeting of the Academy Consent Request Committee **A:** It is expected, as set out in our documented processes and Policy on the Academisation of C of E Schools that representatives of the governing board applying for conditional consent and the aspirant trust attend a meeting to answer questions on its application from committee members. If no-one from the governing board or aspirant trust is available to attend the meeting, the committee may not be able to make a recommendation to the DBE and may request attendance at a future meeting or make a decision based on the information available.

Q. Are these meeting dates subject to change?

A: Yes. Whilst we hope not to have to change any of the published meeting dates, sometimes unexpected circumstances occur. If a change is required a member of the Education Team will contact all concerned as soon as possible.

Academy Consent Request Committee meeting dates	Diocesan Board of Education meeting dates	Advisory Board meeting dates
<p>13 September 2021</p> <p>1 November 2021</p>	<p>28 September 2021</p> <p>16 November 2021</p>	<p>11 October 2021</p> <p>15 November 2021</p> <p>13 December 2021</p>
<p>17 January 2022</p>	<p>1 February 2022</p>	<p>14 February 2022</p> <p>21 March 2022</p> <p>26 April 2022</p>
<p>21 March 2022</p> <p>4 April 2022</p> <p>16 May 2022</p>	<p>7 June 2022</p>	<p>16 May 2022</p> <p>22 June 2022</p> <p>4 July 2022</p>
<p>20 June 2022</p> <p>17 October 2022</p>	<p>20 September 2022</p> <p>15 November 2022</p>	<p>19 September 2022</p> <p>18 October 2022</p>
<p>21 November</p>	<p>TBC for 2023</p>	<p>No further dates published as at April 2022</p>