

# Church School Leaders' Conference

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# **Academies Update**

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# National developments

- White Paper “Educational Excellence Everywhere”
- Education and Adoption Act- coasting schools eligible for intervention
- Memorandum of Understanding between National Society and DfE



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# National context

- Government still committed to all schools becoming academies
- Multi Academy Trusts- 1200 pupils
- Brexit
- Grammar schools





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# Local context

- DBE academy strategy
- Diocesan consent
- Growing Diocesan MAT
- Two local MATs- Thedwastre and Tilian Partnership



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# DBE strategy

- Develop the Diocesan MAT
- Encourage strong church school-led MATs
- VA schools in VA model of governance
- Case- by- case consideration of church schools joining non-church school MATs





# Diocesan MAT

- Eight schools with more in pipeline
- New Head of School Improvement started 1 September 2016
- Sharing leadership and good practice
- Developing networks- heads, governors, bursars, subject leaders



# Diocesan MAT

- Accountability- First annual meeting with Regional Schools Commissioner
- Value for money- first end of year accounts
- Standards
- Governance



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# Local MATs

- Shared vision and ethos
- Long-term
- Role of the CEO
- Size and sustainability



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# Important considerations

- Funding pressures
- Role of Local Governing Bodies
- Collaboration with other schools
- Retaining ethos of each school
- Whether, when, why, with whom?



# Possible next steps

- Form a working party
- Gather information, talk to other schools/ academies in diocese
- Discuss at full governors' meeting
- Put children's interests first



# For more information

- Please see our diocesan website at [www.cofesuffolk.org](http://www.cofesuffolk.org) and MAT website at [www.cofesuffolkmat.org](http://www.cofesuffolkmat.org)
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# Any Questions?



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