

West Coker

Church of England VC Primary School



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The Future of West Coker CofE Primary School

This document is the formal public consultation produced by West Coker CofE Primary School on its proposal to dissolve the Governing Body and to convert to an Academy which will join the Richard Huish Trust.

Background

Richard Huish College established the Richard Huish Trust in 2014. It is composed of five primary schools - West Buckland, Nerrols, North Curry C of E, North Town and Lyngford Park, Pyrland Secondary School and Richard Huish College. Richard Huish Trust has a growing reputation for its primary expertise, and this, combined with its well-established backroom support services, has led West Coker's governors decide that the school and its children will be better placed as an academy, working alongside likeminded Somerset Schools.

Becoming an Academy

To confirm and for clarity, there will be no change in the character or ethos of the School and the name of the School will remain as West Coker C of E School. Academy status puts the School under the aegis of the Southwest Regional Director rather than Somerset Council.

Building on the success of the School and having considered a number of alternatives, West Coker Governors and Richard Huish Directors believe unanimously that this step will help West Coker C of E School to deliver further improvements for the benefit of the children and will continue to allow the school and its children to thrive.

The Huish Vision and Values, that have underpinned the success of Huish, are closely aligned to that of West Coker C of E School and helped to convince us that this was the right decision. It would be the intention to further champion and develop this alignment through:

- working collaboratively to share best Primary educational practice across schools,
- shared resources, expertise and training,
- driving economies of scale and best value,
- work collaboratively with likeminded and similar schools to overcome the ever-changing demands of delivering high quality education for all.

A key benefit will be to provide children with access to greater resources which will ultimately benefit their educational experience.

Calendar of events

High Street, West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9AS

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2 October 2023	Public Consultation Commences
20 November 2023	Public Consultation Closes
December 2023	Application to Academise submitted to Regional Director
February 2024	Approval to Academise gained
September 2024	Formal assimilation of West Coker CofE School into the Richard Huish Trust.

Responding to the Consultation

You can comment on these proposals by emailing wconsultation@huish.education or by writing to the Head Teacher or Clerk to the Governors at:

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