

Stoke Newington School – message from the Chair of Governors about current school status:

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I am writing to give the current governors' position on the publicised government intention to move all schools to being academies over the coming four years.

For us, the most important thing over the coming months and years, is to continue to ensure the quality of education of our current and future students. Stoke Newington School's values remain strong, we have a clear mission: we are, and will remain, a high achieving inclusive creative collaborative school.

I am sure there will be much discussion over the coming months as the planned legislation is taken forward. The legislation has many steps to go through and it may well change during this process. It is too soon to say now what our school status and our school links will be in a few years' time.

However there could be a range of options that the leadership team and governors, in consultation with staff, students, parents and the community, will be able to look at and take a view as to which to steer towards in the best interests of our school. We will want to take a course which supports the character and success of our school. Options could include links with other secondary schools and/or primary schools with similar values. Indeed the original Learning Trust could be seen as a model of a chain of schools not in LEA control.

We will plan meetings for parents in due course to discuss the options and we look forward to discussing and involving you further in the school's future.

I want Stoke Newington School to be on the 'front foot' when and if changes occur, so governors will work with the headteacher and her senior leadership team to ensure that we are prepared. But our focus remains the educational success of our students and I do not expect, and you should not expect, any immediate or hurried change.

Crispin Truman, Chair of Governors

(For the Governing Body)