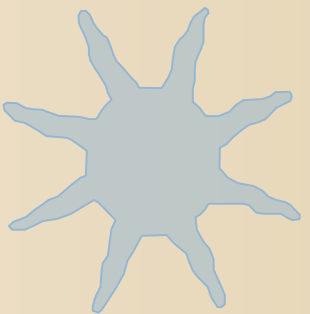
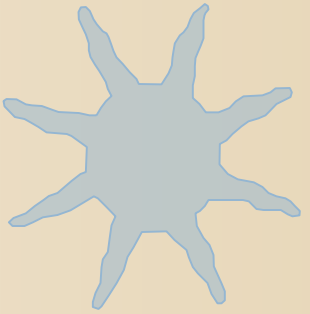
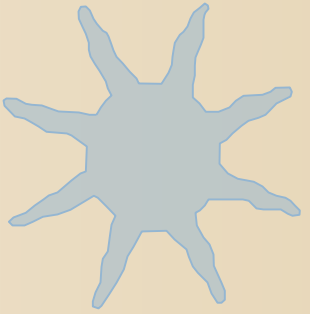


Academy Consultation Meeting May 2017

St Leonard's CE Primary School



What is an Academy?

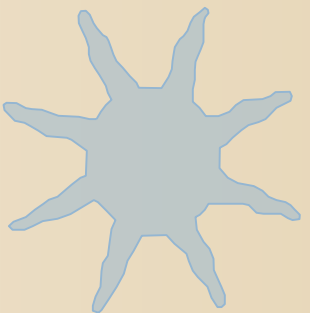
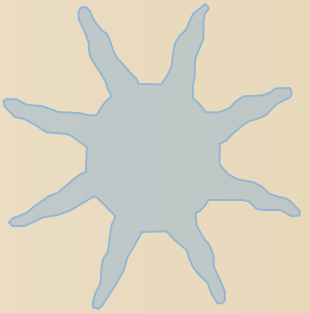
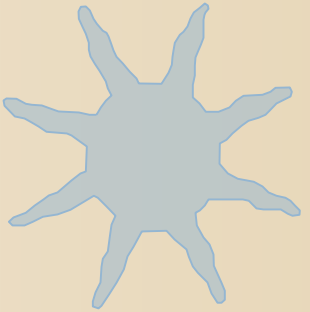


- **Academies are independent, state-funded schools, which receive their funding directly from central government, rather than through a local authority**
- **The day-to-day running of the school is with the head teacher, but academies are overseen by individual charitable bodies called academy trusts – Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) - and they may be part of an academy chain.**



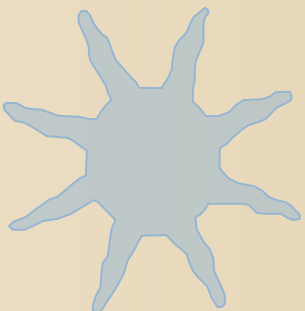
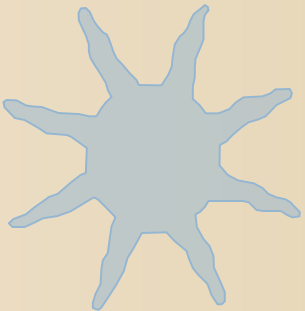
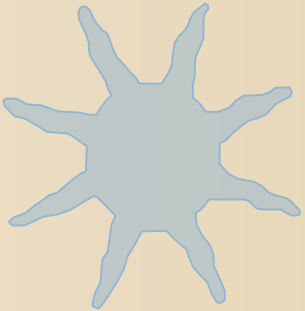
Why should we become an Academy?

- **The Government announced in their White Paper that by 2020 they wanted all schools to be academies. They did retract this statement but in reality the Local Authority is becoming so reduced that it is more attractive to be looking at our own collaborative working.**
- **This year as well as the LA taking their normal 13% of our budget they have also taken another £18,000 of funds to help pay for various authority expenses.**
- **There could well be no Local Authority very soon.**





What have been our actions?

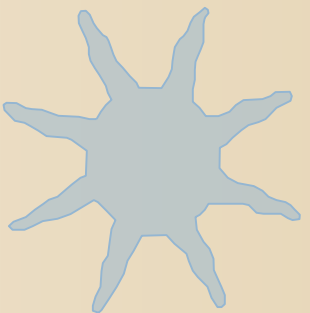
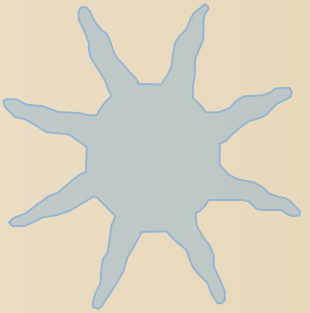
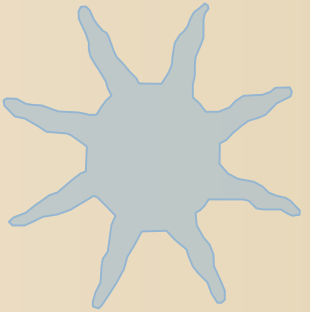


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- In 2014 we began to explore if conversion was the right option for our school and children. At that time we decided it afforded no benefits, but since the Government White Paper we have increased our investigations and, during the last year, our Governor Development Group (GDG) have looked very thoroughly at our options
- Following many presentations, and visits to talk to a variety of Trusts, we focused on three Multi Academy Trusts



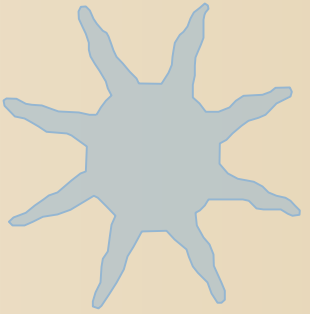
What are our thoughts?



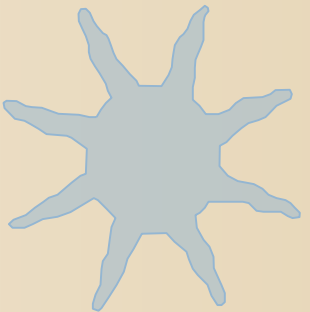
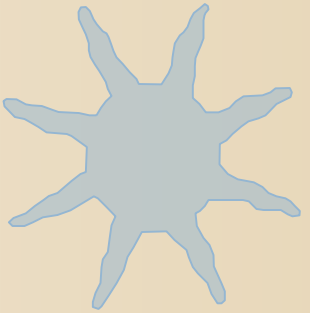
- **We want to be in charge of our own destiny and retain our autonomy**
- **We want to remain at the heart of the community and continue to support our children and their families**
- **We do not want to be sat at a distance from partner schools, resources, training and possible shared expertise/support**
- **We want to be part of shaping the Multi Academy Trust that we belong to.**



What are our conclusions?



- **We concluded that the best way forward, for St Leonard's, was to join Bridgnorth Area School's Trust**
- **The Diocese have given us permission**
- **Your views are important to the process.**



Our Trust



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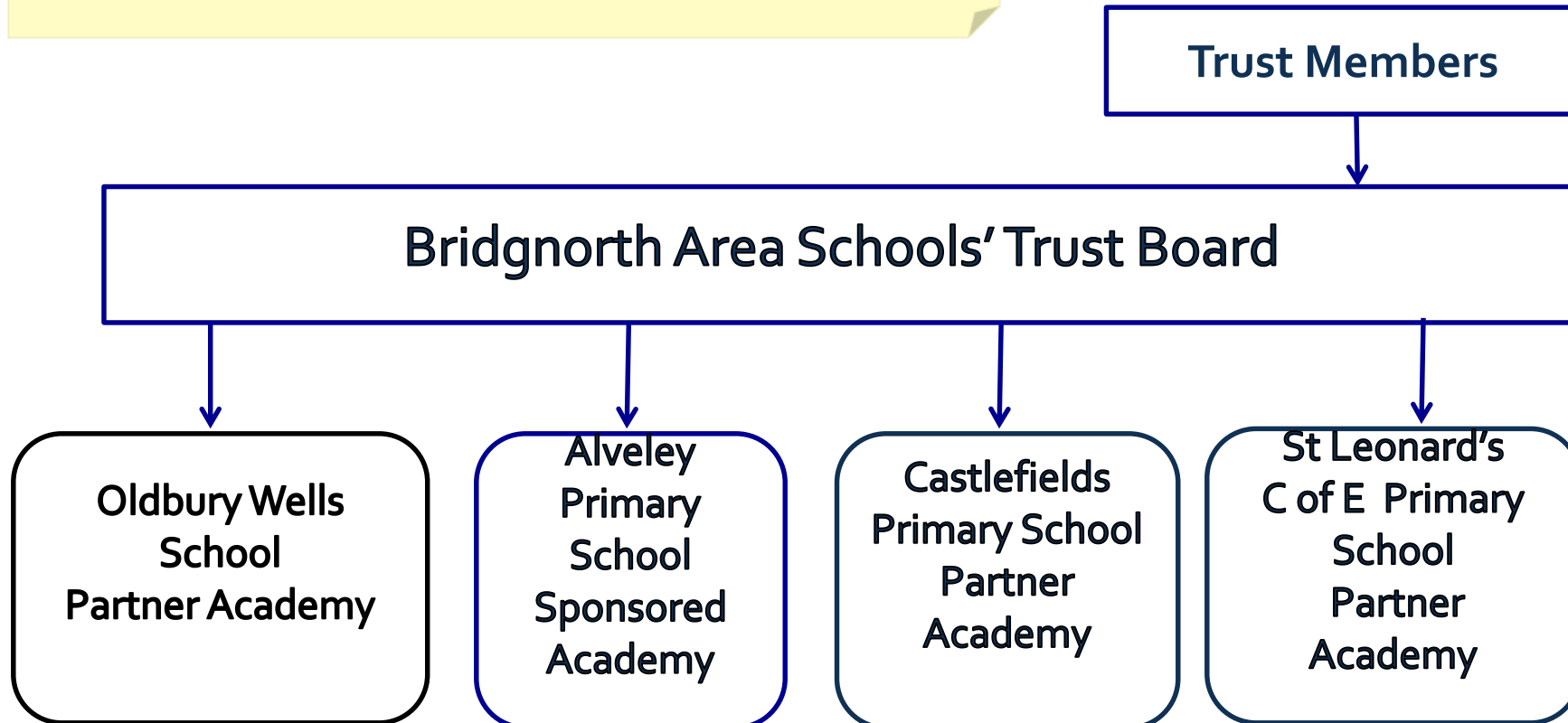
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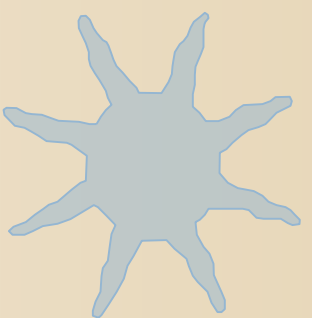
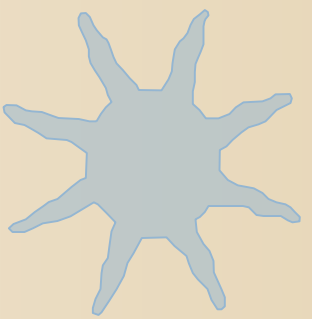
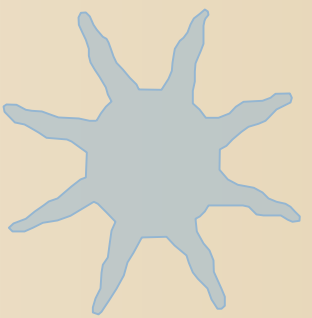




Bridgnorth Area Schools' Trust

Diagram showing Trust structure and member schools





Questions?