



# **GREAT BEDWYN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Academy Consultation Evening – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017



## Outline of this evening's meeting:

1. Why have the Governors of Great Bedwyn School been considering becoming an Academy?
2. What research has been undertaken?
3. What did the Governing Body learn?
4. What options have the Governors explored?
5. Why are we in consultation with Excalibur Trust?
6. Presentation from Excalibur Trust



## **Why have the Governors of Great Bedwyn School been considering becoming an Academy?**

- **The changing educational and political landscape**
- **Being pro active in setting and safeguarding the future of our school**
- **Keen to explore new opportunities for collaboration and innovation**



## What research has been undertaken?

- **A working group was established**
- **Presentations were listened to and reflected upon**



## What did the Governing Body learn?

- **The importance of preserving core values and ethos of our school**
- **The importance of further improving outcomes for the school community**
- **That size is significant and does matter**
- **The workload involved in embarking on a journey of possible academisation**
- **The need to secure the support of the Diocesan Board of Education, given our Church of England status**



## What options have the Governors explored?

- **Setting up a brand new Multi Academy Trust with other schools**
- **Becoming a stand alone Academy**
- **Joining an existing Multi Academy Trust**
- **Doing nothing and remaining as we are**



## Why are we in consultation with Excalibur Trust?

- **Closely aligned vision and values**
- **Clear commitment to continually striving for the highest possible standards**
- **A local , successful Trust with ‘good’ and ‘outstanding’ schools and a new teaching school alliance at its heart**