

Derby Diocesan Academy Trust Information Sheet

What is a multi-academy trust?

“A multi-academy trust (MAT) is an organisation (or sponsor) that runs a number of Academies under a single charitable company” (DfE)

About Derby Diocese

Derby Diocese support 110 church schools. The diocesan area includes Derby City and Derbyshire Local Authorities.

The Derby Diocese Board of Education has established a multi-academy trust **“to provide the best possible education for the pupils in their care based on the Christian principle that Every Child Matters to God.”**

The Derby Diocese Academy Trust (DDAT) has been approved by the DfE as an academy sponsor. The DAT will support schools with an exceptional school improvement strategy, it will look after the business elements of running an academy, and protect the distinctively Christian nature of each school.

About the DDAT

The Executive board (the Trustees): lead the DAT and have the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the Academies provide the best possible provision to all.

The DDAT team: includes the Diocesan Director of Education, School Improvement Director, Business Director and other specialist colleagues in human resources, legal support, finances and practical operation support.

We will work in partnership with our Academies, to support the staff, pupils and communities to help build a better future for everyone.

Our DDAT Vision/Aims

Derby DAT aims to:

- provide children with excellent educational provision
- rapidly improve under-performing schools
- develop effective school-to-school support
- build strong relationships and promote work with external partners
- raise aspirations and tackle disadvantage so that no pupil is failed by their school.

Benefits of joining the DDAT

- Access to highly effective support - a minimum of 6 school improvement visits per year.
- Keep Church school values and history
- The freedom to innovate and improve, according to the needs of the school community.
- Greater economies of scale, which may especially help smaller schools.
- Access to specialists in financial, legal and HR areas.
- The Governing Body will be retained and supported, so that local people continue to provide leadership to the school.
- Collaborative opportunities both within and outside the DAT.