



# Formal Statutory Proposal to Change School Status from Community to Foundation

**School Details:**

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**School Category:** Community

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**Date of the planned implementation:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008

**How to respond with objections and comments:**

Please make any comments in writing to The Voyager School Strategy Group at the above address. The consultation period lasts for four working weeks from the publication of this proposal (17th March 2008) so all responses should be received by 9am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

**Evidence of consultation prior to publication of these proposals:**Groups and organisations consulted:

All students and parents of The Voyager School.

All teaching and non-teaching staff of The Voyager School.

All feeder Primary Schools of The Voyager School.

All Peterborough Secondary Schools.

Peterborough City Council

All professional associations for teachers and support staff.

Bouygues UK – The Voyager School PFI Company

Ecovert FM – The Voyager School Facilities Management Company

Anglia TV – The Voyager School Sponsors

Buckles Solicitors – The Voyager School Sponsors

Education Personnel Management – The Voyager School's personnel advisors.

The consultation document was distributed in hard copy form to all parties listed above. It was also made available on the school's website.

A Voyager Staff consultation meeting was held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008. Minutes are available on the school's website.

A Voyager Parents consultation meeting was held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008. Minutes are available on the school's website.

**The views of people consulted:**

- There was a good turnout at the Parents' consultation meeting. A range of questions were asked about the operation of the school. Parents generally gave their support for governors to continue to pursue Foundation Status.
- No written responses were received subsequent to this meeting.
- At the Staff consultation meeting staff were given the opportunity to discuss the Foundation Status proposal and its implications for The Voyager School.
- One written response was received indicating support for the proposal.
- Of the Unions consulted, two responded, one with their national view on the principle of maintaining Community Schools and the other indicating no objection to the proposal.
- Two secondary schools responded, both with support for the school to continue to pursue Foundation Status.

**Alteration description.**

This document formally proposes to change the school category of The Voyager School from a Community School to a Foundation School.

**The rationale for the proposal.**

A change to foundation status is part of our long-term vision for The Voyager School. By becoming a Foundation School, we will be better able to influence and control the future direction of the school to improve standards and the educational experiences of our students.

The Voyager School has fully complied with all applicable statutory requirements for proper and effective consultation.

A copy of the full consultation document and the statutory notice is available on the school's website: [www.thevoyagerschool.com](http://www.thevoyagerschool.com)