

# Joining the Advance Learning Partnership Multi-Academy Trust (ALP MAT)

## Frequently Asked Questions

<b>What will happen to the pupils?</b>	Pupils will continue to attend school as normal. The vision and ethos of the school will remain the same.
<b>What will happen to the staff of the school?</b>	The staff employed at the school on the day it joined ALP would become ALP employees and would remain working at our school.
<b>Will there be more activities for my child?</b>	There have been numerous opportunities for pupils in ALP's family of schools to take part in joint activities and events e.g. sports competitions etc. Even during lockdown ALP-wide art, design, literature and poetry competitions have taken place remotely.
<b>Will I still be able to meet/speak to someone who knows my child well?</b>	The Headteacher and the Leadership Team, as well as the classroom teachers and teaching assistants will all be based at the school as they are now.
<b>Will my child's education suffer?</b>	No. Opportunities for learning would be enhanced and improved as the school can share and collaborate with other schools in ALP.
<b>My child has Special Needs. Will they still get help and support?</b>	Support for SEND children will be unaffected by the school joining the ALP MAT. ALP is fully committed to providing the best education for all pupils.
<b>Will the uniform change?</b>	The school's uniform would remain the same for the foreseeable future.
<b>Why has Copeland Road chosen to join the ALP MAT?</b>	Governors select what they feel is the best Trust to assist the school with its improvement programme. The Advance Learning Partnership has a similar ethos to our own school and like us, they value and want the best for every child. They are close enough geographically to allow teachers to share training opportunities.
<b>What will happen to Copeland Road Governors?</b>	The Governing Body will be renamed the Academy Council but will still be responsible for the standards in the school, including the performance of staff and pupils.
<b>What will happen to the buildings?</b>	ALP will continue to manage the buildings as the Local Authority currently does.