

## SPECIALIST ENGINEERING STATUS

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Dear Headteacher colleagues,

I hope that the start to term has been good for you all.

You may recall that last term I gave a presentation to our EIP about the possibility of Congleton High School changing status. Subsequent to our meeting our Governors agreed to consult informally with stakeholders regarding the possibility of us becoming a Foundation school from September 2009.

As you may know the main characteristics of a Foundation school are:

1. The Governing Body (GB) owns Assets (Buildings and Land)
2. The school becomes its own Admissions Authority
3. The GB employs staff
4. The school gains charitable status
5. The GB membership is more flexible
6. A more "client" style relationship exists with the LA

I am currently writing a detailed consultation document which will be issued in March to all stakeholders (Parents, Staff, Partner organisations). This will provide relevant details and highlight the differences between a community school and a Foundation School. This document will provide answers to common questions.

I would like to give you the opportunity to provide informal feedback before this document is finalised. Perhaps you could help me by letting me have your views by Friday 23rd January by email.

Possible informal consultation issues:

- What is your view about the school seeking Foundation Status?
- Are there any questions that you would like to be answered as part of the consultation process?

If you would like to discuss any issues then please give me a ring: 01270 387001

Best wishes for a Happy New Year

Yours sincerely



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