

Academisation Alert w/b 5th May 2025

Parents / Carers want to know more about The Matrix Trust and how this collaboration will impact on the environment and educational outcomes of our children then come along to a "Meet the Team" event on Friday 9th May 2025 at 9.00am or 2.30pm. This will provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions you have and also address any concerns / misconceptions you may also have.

Sir Mark Aspinall – Chair of Trustees

Lynsey Draycott – Chief Executive Officer

David Lowbridge-Ellis MBE – Director of School Improvement

Frequently Asked Questions:

- How long has Elmwood worked with The Matrix Trust?

The school has been working effectively with The Matrix Trust and Barr Beacon School Central Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) for over 10 years. This has enabled Teaching Assistant to Teacher progression, School Improvement, Curriculum enhancement and Learning from Visits.

- Will the school uniform change?

The uniform will remain the same as this supports pupils with identified sensory needs identified within their EHCP.

- Will the school name change?

The name will remain the same – as prospective parents / carers know the school's positive reputation.

- Will the school's ethos change?

The Elmwood Way will continue to be an integral part of the school and will be further enhanced by The Matrix Trusts vision of Education Without Exception.

- Will class sizes increase?

Class sizes will remain the same (between 6-8 pupils) this is governed by physical class room sizes, the number of adults required in the class, the Department for Education and Local Authority.

- Will the curriculum and enrichment activities reduce?

The curriculum offer will remain the same, but with some enhancements based on pupils' voice / needs. The enrichment opportunities will continue to enhance what we currently do through Funday Friday, Friday Enrichment, Termly reward trips through the inclusion of International trips and unique sailing experience along the Devon / Cornish coasts.