**To           :              Headteachers; Chairs of Governors; Foundation Governors; Ex-officio clergy;**

**From     :               Jeff Williams**

**Date      :              26th April 2022**

**Re           :            Summer Briefings and Academisation Consultation**

Dear colleagues

I hope you had a good break over Easter.

At the recent series of Briefings, I explained that I’d be leading a fully iterative consultation, in respect particularly to Chapter 4 of the White Paper and the government’s proposal that **all school will become academies by the early 2030s.** You already have the dates for the **Summer Briefings**, but I wanted to flag that as part of the **information-giving and consultation**, a section of those briefings will involve hearing perspectives from some of our existing CofE academy Headteachers in our dioceses. There will be an opportunity for questions and comments, which will be important for my gathering of your views.

If you haven’t already booked a place, please contact my pa Sam.powell@portsmouth.anglican.org

**Wed 15 June evening  – 6pm online**

**Mon 20 June afternoon – 1.30pm online**

**Mon 27 June morning – 9.30am online**

**Thurs 30 June  – 2pm in person at St Katharine’s CofE Primary School, Rolls Drive, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 4NA**

In addition, we will be running **3 Area in-person and 2 online academisation consultation events in July 2022**. I am flagging the dates now (but appreciate that without venues you may not be able to commit). I will update you on venues as soon as possible. Our Winchester Office at Alresford has closed, so I’m looking for a school or church that has a carpark that can support one or more of the in-person events (or public car parks close-by) and A-V facilities in the hall/Worship area. Could you please email me if you may be able to help – thank you.

**Monday 11th July 10am-12pm – in-person, venue tbc**

**Wednesday 13th July 10am-12pm – in-person, venue tbc**

**Wednesday 13th July 2.30pm-4.30pm – in person, specific focus on Small Schools, venue tbc** - the most commonly used definition is ‘fewer than 210 = small school’ (i.e. smaller than one class of each year group) and ‘fewer that 105 = very small school’ (i.e. smaller than half a class of each year group). This is the definition which the CofE uses and the definition which the DfE seem to have last used in their guidance on academy funding.

**Wednesday 20th July 6pm-8pm – online**

**Thursday 21st July 6pm-8pm – online**

There will be further opportunities for consultation in the Autumn.

Best wishes

Jeff

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Director of Education