



**Prince Bishops
Teaching School Alliance**

What is an Academy? Advantages & Challenges

A legal overview and other useful information for Church Schools

Friday 18th March 2016 from 9am -12pm

The Ramside Hall Hotel – Durham

Prince Bishops Teaching School Alliance and The Diocesan Joint Education Team are working together to bring you a morning seminar / workshop to help provide you with answers to frequently asked questions:-

Including the legal basics such as:

- Overview of the key legal documents/structures and what they mean in practice
- The roles of Members and Directors and their separate functions
- Delegation to local governing bodies / local academy councils
- Overview of the process to be followed: including, consultation with staff, parents, community and funding issues'
- Protection of individual ethos and working relationships with other local schools

Agenda

- 8.45am** Registration and refreshments
- 9.15am** Welcome / Introductions / Aims of the day
- 9.20am** **'Academy Basics'**
Liane Atkin – Assistant Director – Dioceses of Durham & Newcastle
- 9.45am** **Leading an Academy – 4 Years on!**
Paula Thompson – Benedict Biscop Church of England Academy
- 10.10am** Refreshment break
- 10.25am** **Workshop**
Our key challenges'
A chance to discuss the advantages & disadvantages of becoming an academy informally with your peers'
- 11.15am** **Discussion and answers:**
Your challenges as you see them today!
- 11.45pm** **A individual opportunity for you to discuss current policy**
Neil Wakelam – Project Lead – DfE
- 12pm -** **Lunch & Close**



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