

Daubeney Middle School

Foundation and Trust Status

As of 1st September 2008 Daubeney became a Foundation School. Changing category has a number of implications. It leads to a change in governance of the school such that the governing body:

- becomes the employer of the school staff;
- becomes the admissions authority for the school within the requirements of the School Admissions Code;
- takes on ownership of the school's land and assets.

Foundation schools remain local authority maintained schools but have greater independence than community schools.

In October 2008 Daubeney also became a member of the Kempston Education Trust. This is a partnership formed with the following members:

- Daubeney Middle School;
- Hastingsbury Business and Enterprise College;
- Robert Bruce Middle School;
- Grange Special School;
- University of Bedfordshire;
- Bedford College;
- Harpur Trust;
- Bedfordshire Primary Care Trust;
- Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The primary aims of the Kempston Education Trust are to:

- Offer a first class integrated educational experience for all children and young people living in Kempston aged 0 – 19 years (subject to lower schools joining the Kempston Education Trust);
- Create programmes of study and standardised assessment points that are common to all schools;
- Guarantee admission for all pupils within the partnership aged 4 – 19 years (subject to lower schools joining the Kempston Education Trust);
- Co-ordinate efforts to widen participation in learning, to increase attainment and to improve standards;
- Explore working arrangements that share staffing and resources. This may include the delivery of services currently provided by the LA;
- Capture the varied strengths of a range of local partners, to co-ordinate action in pursuit of shared objectives and, by doing so, achieve greater coherence and cost-effectiveness;
- Increase access to governors with a range of skills and experience across the partnership;
- Focus on improving extended services throughout Kempston;
- Develop a Kempston plan for integrated services that includes access to quality childcare, adult learning, cultural experiences, sporting/play opportunities, parenting support, homework clubs and out of school hours learning etc;
- Develop our schools to become community resources.