

# Joining the Advance Learning Partnership Multi-Academy Trust (ALP MAT)

## Frequently Asked Questions

<b>What will happen to the pupils?</b>	Pupils will continue to attend school as normal. The vision and ethos of the school will remain the same. The name of the school will change to New Brancepeth Primary Academy
<b>What will happen to the staff of the school?</b>	The staff employed at the school on the day it joined ALP would become ALP employees and would remain working at our school.
<b>Will there be more activities for my child?</b>	There have been numerous opportunities for pupils in ALP's family of schools to take part in joint activities and events e.g. sports competitions etc. Even during lockdown ALP-wide art, design, literature and poetry competitions have taken place remotely.
<b>Will I still be able to meet/speak to someone who knows my child well?</b>	The Headteacher and the Leadership Team, as well as the classroom teachers and teaching assistants will all be based at the school as they are now.
<b>Will my child's education suffer?</b>	No. Opportunities for learning would be enhanced and improved as the school can share and collaborate with other schools in ALP.
<b>My child has Special Needs. Will they still get help and support?</b>	Support for SEND children will be unaffected by the school joining the ALP MAT. ALP is fully committed to providing the best education for all pupils.
<b>Will the uniform change?</b>	The school's uniform would remain the same for the foreseeable future.
<b>Why has New Brancepeth Primary School chosen to join the ALP MAT?</b>	Governors select what they feel is the best Trust to assist the school with its improvement programme. The Advance Learning Partnership has a similar ethos to our own school and like us, they value and want the best for every child. They are close enough geographically to allow teachers to share training opportunities.
<b>What will happen to New Brancepeth Primary School Governors?</b>	The Governing Body will be renamed the Academy Council but will still be responsible for the standards in the school, including the performance of staff and pupils.
<b>What will happen to the buildings?</b>	ALP will continue to manage the buildings as the Local Authority currently does.