



King Edward VII School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Academy Order Revoked

Further to my recent letters to you, and the formal letters submitted to the Regional Director and The Right Honourable Gillian Keegan, Secretary of State for Education, by the Governing Board and myself to request the revocation of the academy order in light of the School's recent good OFSTED inspection, it is with great pleasure and pride that I write to inform you that the academy order issued to King Edward VII School on the 12 December 2022 has been revoked.

I had a meeting at noon today, Thursday 20 July 2023, with the Regional Director and the Team Leader for Sheffield.

Key points from the meeting

The Regional Director confirmed the following:

- They had responded to the School's request to revoke the academy order in light of the OFSTED inspection on Tuesday 23 May 2023 and Wednesday 24 May 2023 and communicated this to the Secretary of State for Education.
- The academy order will be lifted from today – **Thursday 20 July 2023**.
- The Local Authority and local Members of Parliament will be informed of the decision made today.
- The doors to the Department for Education are open should the School wish to discuss options for the future.

The Regional Director congratulated the School on achieving an OFSTED judgement of good and I have passed on her thanks and congratulations to the staffing body of King Edward VII School.

In my letter to you dated the 23 January 2023, after the first inspection outcome in September 2022, I stated that, 'We are on the cusp of a significant, defining moment in the School's history which dates back to 1604 and the Sheffield Royal Grammar School' because we were on the verge of being academised and losing control of our destiny. It is an overwhelming, astonishing and rare achievement to be able to transform the fortunes of the School in such a short space of time so that we can control the future plans of our unique School for the communities that we serve.

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Additionally, I explained to the Regional Director that the School, governors, the Leadership Team, staff, parents, carers and students, will go through a period of reflection before taking the next steps to consider the future of our iconic and successful School.

I extend a heart-felt thank you for the role you, as our parent body, have played in this process and our success.

Have a lovely summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L Gooden".

Ms Linda Gooden
Headteacher