

2. Our Context

Valour MAT was established in June 2017 to provide a formal relationship between Walbottle Village Teaching school and Beech Hill Primary (A National Support School) which brought together 2 Outstanding primary schools both driven to support other schools whenever possible. We aim to transform provision and outcomes for schools which chose to join our partnership in the North East of England.

Alongside our improvement work in our current academies, Valour MAT is working actively with other schools and aims to work with the RSC to grow its family of academies. This will enable a greater level of system-led improvements, further opportunities for collaboration between leaders and staff at all levels of the organisation and better economies of scale, vital in the current challenging economic climate.

Valour offers an opportunity for schools to convert to academy status within our trust and keep their individuality and be supported to thrive in their own context.

We would welcome schools who are interested in dynamic collaboration, working in conjunction with a range of partners, to deliver tailored programmes of school improvement that will meet the needs of each academy.

As we have built our academy based staff, we can offer services to academies that will support improvements to teaching and learning, allowing schools to focus on their core business rather than being distracted by academy business. Our finance team are exemplary.

Valour MAT is based around Walbottle Village Teaching school and has close relationships with all the schools in the teaching school alliance. We offer the flexibility to meet schools where they are on their journey and adapt to their specific circumstances. We also work with schools in neighbouring local authorities who need specific support for teachers and leaders.



Walbottle Village Academy is a National Support School, a Teaching School and is graded outstanding. It is located in the outer west of Newcastle and serves 206 children.

Beech Hill Academy is a National Support School, a Schools Direct hub and is also graded outstanding. They won the northern regional award for work with pupil premium children in 2017. It is located in the outer west of Newcastle and serves 451 children.