

## Telford Free School FAQs

### 1. What is a Free School?

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/types-of-school/free-schools>

Free schools are funded by the government but aren't run by the local council. They have more control over how they do things.

They're 'all-ability' schools, so can't use academic selection processes like a grammar school.

Free schools can:

- set their own pay and conditions for staff
- change the length of school terms and the school day

They don't have to follow the national curriculum.

### The Telford Free School Proposal

#### Information for all Interested Parties

Since the outcome of General Election, the Government's position in relation to approval of additional Free Schools has been put on hold.

Under these circumstances it is not clear if the proposal from Thomas Telford School to open a Free School will progress further. Our position is that we would process the application if the Government decides to expand the programme. We still remain very keen to provide the community of Telford and Wrekin with an all through 5 – 18 Free School and are positioned to continue our application at short notice should the opportunity arise.

If, and when, more information is available I will provide an additional update.

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