

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 23 March 2016**  
**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

<b>1. Questioner's name: Gerald Hartley</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain</b>
To what extent does the CC cabinet member for C&YP expect separate infant & junior schools to have to merge and small rural primary schools to close due to enforced academy status?	Academy status will not make a significant difference to school budgets indeed they should receive some additional funding to pay for services currently provided by the local authority.  Inclusion in a Multi Academy Trust would provide further opportunity for small rural primary schools share services and work together closely.