

What's happening?

The Governing Bodies are proposing to change the status of the schools from a community to a foundation school and at the same time to acquire together a charitable trust to be called "**Bradford Co-operative Learning Trust**"

How can people become involved?

The consultation will be open to everyone who might be affected by the proposed change: pupils, parents, staff, governors, potential partners, and the wider community.

You will be able to respond in writing - questionnaires will be sent to all parents / carers and will be available from the consulting schools.

You will be able to attend meetings in school. There will be people during the consultation period that you can ask to speak to who will answer your questions and take note of your views. This is a genuine consultation.

Governors will take account of feedback before making a decision on whether or not to proceed with the idea.

What do I need to do now?

The consultation process will begin on:- **Wednesday 9th January 2013.**

There will be plenty of opportunity during the 4 weeks' consultation for you to make your views known.

However, you may feel that you would like to find out more about what is involved.

If you are a governor, you will have an opportunity to meet with fellow governors.

If you are a member of staff, teaching or non teaching, you will have an opportunity to raise questions and discuss any issues at a staff meeting.

If you are a potential partner, a trade union representative, a local councillor or MP, there will be an opportunity to speak to a representative from the prospective Trust.

Bradford Co-operative Learning Trust

This leaflet provides an overall summary of the full consultation Booklet One, 'Changing from Community to Foundation School Category and Acquiring a Charitable Trust'

This is available from each school—and its website (see below); similarly available is Booklet Two, 'Questions and Answers'.

<http://www.lilycroftprimaryschool.co.uk>

<http://www.miriamlord.co.uk>

<http://www.lister.bradford.sch.uk>

<http://www.mmmps.bradford.sch.uk>

<http://www.westbourne.bradford.sch.uk>

<http://www.atlasprimary.co.uk>

<http://www.greenlane.bradford.sch.uk>

<http://www.frizinghall.bradford.sch.uk>

All responses given at the consultation meetings will be minuted and presented to Governors on the **12th February 2013.**

All written responses should be by questionnaire and returned to one of the consulting schools by **noon 6th February 2013.**

BRADFORD CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING TRUST



Success at the heart of our community

All the above schools have the opportunity to set up a Co-operative Learning Trust in partnership with the Co-operative College and Bradford Local Authority.

This leaflet has been written to introduce the idea to you, and to provide you with some initial information

What is a Trust?

A Trust School is a local authority maintained school which is supported by a charitable trust. Trusts can be set up by individual schools or groups of schools, and usually involve collaboration with partners. Our schools are interested in the Co-operative Trust model.

The eight schools are interested in the co-operative trust model, which link schools together mutually using co-operative principles and allow stakeholders to become members of the trust.

The Trust would be its own social and educational co-operative, adopting co-operative values and principles.

If we became a Trust, what would stay the same and what would change?

Stay the same:- The school would continue to teach the National Curriculum, receive funding through the Local Authority, follow the School Admissions code and receive periodic visits from OFSTED.

The schools Governing Body would continue to be responsible for running the school. Teachers would automatically continue to be employed on the same terms and conditions and Governors would make sure that this was also true for non-teaching staff.

Change: The schools Governing Body would employ staff not the local authority. Staff will remain on their existing pay and conditions.

School assets (grounds and buildings) would be held by the Trust rather than the Local Authority.

The Trust will appoint additional Governors to support and strengthen the Governing Body.

It will also set up a Members Forum to represent the views of all members of the Trust including parents / carers, staff, pupils and the local community.

If so much is going to stay the same, why change?

The chief reasons for change have to be improving quality and raising standards. We think that, by working more closely together, we can be a more successful school. Our school already benefits from working together with a number of partners such as other schools and the Local Authority and shared Trust Status will increase co-operation between these for the benefit of pupils, parents, staff and the local community.

The model we have chosen is a co-operative Trust which is based on co-operative principles and values. This would help us to involve staff and pupils more in the running of the school and to work closely with parents and the local community.

Trust status will help us to establish strong long term partnerships with key partners who would help increase resources and opportunities for staff and pupils: at a time when the role and function of Local education Authorities is being greatly and rapidly reduced.

We feel that will be better able to serve our local school communities by working together to raise standards and aspirations, increase opportunities and provide greater social cohesion

Process Timescale

Four week consultation with Parents / Carers, pupils, staff and community begins
Wednesday 9th Jan 2013 until Wednesday 6th Feb 2013

Public Consultation Meeting

Will be held at Manningham Mills at
5pm on Monday 28th January 2013.

Consultation Meetings for Parents/ carers

Date	School meeting
Tuesday 22 nd January	Lilycroft Primary
	Miriam Lord
Wednesday 23 rd January	MMPs
	Westbourne
Thursday 24 th January	Frizinghall
	Green Lane
Friday 25 th January	Lister
	Atlas

Governing Bodies receive report of consultation and decide whether or not to proceed - **Tuesday 12th February 2013.**

A four week statutory notice period will be served between **Monday 25th February 2013 and Monday 25th March 2013**

The proposed Trust is set up **Monday 15th April 2013.**