

# Heaton St. Barnabas' C.E. Primary School

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Date : 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

**Re: The Bradford Co-operative Learning Trust**

The governing bodies of;

Atlas Primary

Green Lane Primary

Lister Primary

Frizinghall Primary

Lilycroft Primary

Margaret McMillan Primary

Miriam Lord Primary

Westbourne Primary

are considering becoming Foundation schools and acquiring a Trust whose proposed name is The Bradford Co-operative Learning Trust.

Because we are already a Voluntary Aided School with a Religious Trust we can not and will not need to change status but we are considering becoming Partner of the proposed Bradford Co-operative Learning Trust. This would mean that our school would be able to contribute to, and benefit from the work of the trust along with the other 8 schools.

April 15th 2013 is the proposed implementation date, i.e., the likely date – if the proposals run their course and are implemented, when the legal changes in school category take effect and the Trust would come into existence.

What we would like you to do:

Although we do not have to formally consult like the other schools because we are not changing our status, we would like to know what you think of our plans, so we invite you to take part in the public consultation. You can do this by:

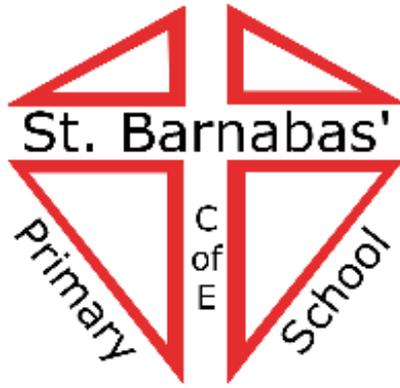
- Reading the booklets and leaflets which are available from school and on the school websites
- Completing the questionnaire and returning it to school.
- Attending one of the consultation meetings – these will be held at school

Why are the Governing Bodies considering this?

All schools are working hard to ensure that all learners achieve their maximum potential. We will continue to raise attainment by providing good teaching and a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes enjoyment and achievement. We will continue to provide learning environments which seek to raise aspirations of all - the children, their families and the community we serve.

The schools already work closely together through the Shine Partnership. However we would like to involve the Governors, Parents and Community, more directly in our decision making and believe that by setting up a Co-operative Learning Trust we will achieve this.





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By acquiring a mutual co-operative trust, supported by a range of partners and stakeholders who are united behind our vision, we hope to have a lasting positive impact on the wider community.

Becoming a Trust will help us to clarify our vision and aims, continue to raise expectations and standards across the partnership, and make our existing collaboration and associated school improvement strategies, more sustainable. We believe that to meet the needs of our community we need to work together as a community. We know that we can achieve more by working together than we can by working alone. A Trust would help to make that a reality.

Trust schools are part of the local authority system, but supported by a charitable co-operative trust. In the 8 schools which are proposing to change status the trust will appoint two governors. (This will not apply to our school). Governing Bodies will continue to run their own school and be responsible for its performance. Staffing arrangements will not change as a result of these proposals.

#### Consultation Meetings:

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> January 8.45 a.m. ( part of 'Positive Parent' Meeting)

6. 30 p.m. for those parents who prefer an evening meeting

We hope that you will contribute your views to the consultation. Details of how to make comments on the proposals are contained in this leaflet along with the accompanying questionnaire.

More information about the changes that will affect the other schools because of the proposal to change status from Community to Foundation school can be found in Booklet One 'Changing from Community School to Foundation School Category and Acquiring a Charitable Trust'. You may also want to read Booklet Two - 'Questions and Answer's which provides a series of commonly asked questions together with answers which have been collated from the Department for Education (DfE) sources. Most of the information in these documents is not directly relevant to our school because we are already a school with a trust ( C. of E.) and all staff are already directly employed by the governing body. If you are interested in these booklets they are available from the consulting schools and school websites. I will put a copy of the booklets in the staff room and onto the shared area.

Please note – at both the above meetings there will also be an opportunity to discuss the outcomes of the recent Ofsted Inspection.

Yours sincerely,

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