13 May 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

Braunton Learning Co-operative

The Governing Boards of Caen Community Primary School, Kingsacre Primary School, Marwood School and Southmead Primary School are proposing to change their legal school category from community to foundation and, at the same time, acquire charitable status as a shared co-operative Trust; to be known as Braunton Learning Co-operative. As Braunton Academy and Georgeham C of E Primary School already have foundations, they would become partner schools, if this proposal is implemented on 1 September 2019. They would nevertheless be full contributors to, and beneficiaries of, the work of the Trust.

The vision we have for our proposed Education Trust is of a strong partnership that helps us to create the best possible educational opportunities for all our children and young people. We believe that the best way to secure continual improvement in teaching and learning is to work collaboratively and transparently to support one another. We will make a shared commitment to hold one another to account, share best practice, provide mutual inspirational and tangible support, with a view to improving opportunities, progress and outcomes across all our schools.

We shall:

- create an ethos of mutual support and transparency in working towards school improvement across schools within the partnership
- improve progress and outcomes for all children, young people and staff by analysing data across the partnership to inform how we work and how we measure success
- provide opportunities for all our children, young people, staff, leaders and governors to work and grow alongside one another, building positive relationships across a variety of curriculum and enrichment activities
- identify teams across the partnership to share subject expertise in curriculum, training and ‘business’ areas of school life so that we take advantage of economies of scale
- build additional partnerships with supportive organisations, to encourage our communities to be outward-looking

As a Co-operative Education Trust, we will adopt and support the values and principles of the co-operative movement in our work: all Co-operatives are based on the values of self-help, self-
responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. Co-operative members also believe in honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

Trust schools remain part of the local authority system, but are supported by a charitable trust which will appoint some of the governors. It is important to be aware that the governing board will continue to run the school, handle the school budget and be responsible for the performance of the school. The Trust will provide additional resources and expertise.

There is no intention of changing staffing arrangements as part of these proposals.

A summary of the proposals and the dates and times of consultation meetings can be found in the Proposal Summary on the next page. We hope you will join in the discussion and come to one of the meetings.

Further details of the proposals are provided in our Proposal Consultation Information Pack which can be obtained from your school or downloaded from the schools’ websites.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors
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Kingsacre Primary School

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Chair of Governors
Marwood School

Marguerite Shapland
Chair of Governors
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Chair of Governors
Braunton Academy

Alison Smith
Chair of Governors
Georgeham C of E Primary School

Proposal Summary

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The Reason for the Consultation

The Governing Boards of Caen Community Primary School, Kingsacre Primary School, Marwood School and Southmead Primary School are proposing to change their legal school category from community to foundation and, at the same time, acquire charitable status as a shared co-operative Trust; to be known as Braunton Learning Co-operative.

What we would like you to do

We would like to know what you think of our proposal so we invite you to take part in our public consultation. You can do this by:

a) Reading this information and asking for further information if you need any.
b) Attending one of the consultation meetings details are shown below.

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Week beginning Monday 27 May 2019 is half term holiday for all schools
Week beginning Monday 3 June 2019 is half term holiday for Kingsacre School
No consultation meetings can take place during this fortnight.

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Braunton Academy and Georgeham C of E Primary School will be holding a meeting for parents about their involvement as a partner school, but parents from Braunton Academy and Georgeham are welcome to attend any of the public and parent consultation meetings above.

You can respond to the consultation

- By completing the Proposal Consultation Response Forms
- By sending comments or requests for further information by emailing one of the following: consultation@caer.devon.sch.uk consultation@kingsacre-primary.devon.sch.uk consultation@marwood.devon.sch.uk or consultation@southmead.devon.sch.uk
- By sending comments or requests for further information in writing to one of the following Chairs of Governors:

Consultation c/o Chair of Governors

Caen Community Primary School, Caen Street, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1AD. Tel: 01271 812786
Kingsacre Primary School, Greenacre, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1BQ. Tel: 01271 815485
Key Information

The Governing Boards of Caen Community Primary School, Kingsacre Primary School, Marwood School, Southmead Primary School, Georgeham C of E Primary School and Braunton Academy have been considering how best to plan for the long-term future success of the schools. The six schools are currently part of an informal grouping called the Braunton Learning Community but wish to strengthen and deepen their relationship by creating a formal collaboration in the form of a Co-operative Trust. In order to do this, the four consulting schools will change their legal school category from community to foundation, but as Braunton Academy and Georgeham already have foundations, they would become partner schools, if this proposal is implemented in September 2019. They would nevertheless be full contributors to, and beneficiaries of, the work of the Trust.

We want to ensure that we continue improving the education we offer our children and young people and want to become part of a regional and national network of co-operative schools and partners that can help us to deliver that ambition.

The process of change will not result in noticeable day to day differences for our schools, but we believe that setting up this partnership will allow us to continue to work together as a group of like-minded schools and learn from the shared expertise and experience we can offer each other.

To take this plan forward, the four consulting schools are proposing to change the school category from community to foundation and at the same time to establish a co-operative education trust, to be called Braunton Learning Co-operative

The proposed date of implementation (i.e. the date on which any legal change of category would take place and the Trust would be created) is 1 September 2019.

Further information is provided in the Proposal Consultation Information Pack which is available from school websites and offices.

We would be pleased to hear your thoughts, and invite you to comment on these proposals at any time until the end of the consultation period, which runs from Monday 13 May 2019 until noon on Thursday 27 June 2019.

Thank you for your interest.