

Three Valleys Learning Partnership Statutory Notice

This is a proposal to extend a partnership of schools by expanding the Three Valleys Learning Partnership. The schools in the partnership will be Bishops Tawton Primary School, Bratton Fleming Community Primary School, Pilton Infants' School, Sticklepath Community School, Yeo Valley Primary School and Forches Cross Community Primary School.

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that:

The Governing Body of **Forches Cross Community Primary School** intends to make prescribed alterations to Forches Cross Community Primary School which is a Community School located at Forches Avenue, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 8EF.

The proposed alterations are to change Forches Cross Community Primary School's category from Community to Foundation and together with one or more of the proposed partners to join an existing foundation established otherwise than under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Forches Cross Community Primary School will continue to be a Devon Local Authority maintained school and funding arrangements will remain the same.

The name of the foundation, which is usually referred to as a Trust, is the Three Valleys Learning Partnership and the proposed implementation date for the expansion is 11th April 2016. The Trust already acts as a foundation for Bishops Tawton Primary School, Bratton Fleming Community Primary School, Pilton Infants' School, Sticklepath Community School and Yeo Valley Primary School.

The proposed members of the Trust are:

- Bishops Tawton Primary School (2 Trustees)
- Bratton Fleming Community Primary School (2 Trustees)
- Pilton Infants' School (2 Trustees)
- Sticklepath Community School (2 Trustees)
- Yeo Valley Primary School (2 Trustees)
- Forches Cross Community Primary School (2 Trustees)
- Ashleigh C of E (VC) Primary School (2 Trustees)
- Holywell C of E (VC) Primary School (2 Trustees)
- Our Lady's Catholic Primary School (2 Trustees)
- Petroc (1 Trustee)
- The Co-operative Movement, initially represented by the Co-operative College (1 Trustee)

In addition, learners at each of the schools, parents, staff, members of the local community and local community organisations will be able to become members of the Trust. The Trust will have a Stakeholder Forum composed of members, which will be able to appoint 2 of the Trust's trustees. As the Trust develops, it will consider other schools joining the Trust.

The rationale for expanding the Trust, the contribution it will make, and the direction it will provide to the schools can be summarised as follows:

Forches Cross Community Primary School is proposing to join the Three Valleys Learning Partnership that

- Shares common aims, values and principles across our schools whilst retaining the unique identities of individual schools
- Ensures teaching, learning and development are central to all that we do by creating an environment of mutual support, raising aspirations to aid in delivering consistently high standards of education and care
- Actively engages parents and the wider community together with our schools to shape the future of education within our local area whilst remaining part of the Devon LA family of schools

- Consolidates and improves the relationships our schools already have to develop further trust, capacity and expertise to ensure all children access excellent provision and opportunities
- Promotes resilience, ambition and aspiration amongst our community
- Cultivates pride in our diverse local environment, whilst widening children's experience and horizons for their futures both in Barnstaple and the wider world
- Creates opportunities for a sustainable model of co-operation and collaboration so that the budgets and resources available are used to best effect to sustain further school improvement and enhance outcomes for all our children.

The partnership's particular priorities are to:

- ensure that the quality of teaching and learning is central to all that we do for the benefit of all our children e.g. by using teacher expertise across the Partnership
- create an environment of mutual support that builds capacity to enable us to achieve more co-operatively than we could as individual schools e.g. teachers across the Partnership coaching and mentoring each other
- develop a formalised and sustainable framework for collaboration across our schools so that we are able to widen the experiences provided by individual schools using the diverse opportunities across the partnership e.g. through shared training
- work with our partners, such as Petroc, to help break down barriers to learning and support life-long learning e.g. through visits to and projects organised with Petroc
- develop the membership of our co-operative trust over time to increase the active engagement of parents and the wider community in learning

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the full proposal can be obtained from the Forches Cross Community Primary School office or downloaded from their website: www.forchescross.org. The proposal can also be obtained from the individual websites of the Three Valleys Learning Partnership schools:

www.bishopstawtonprimary.devon.sch.uk, www.bratton-fleming-primary.devon.sch.uk, www.pilton-inf.devon.sch.uk, www.sticklepath-primary.devon.sch.uk, www.yeo-valley-primary.devon.sch.uk, www.ashleighdevon.co.uk, www.holywell.devon.sch.uk and www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice any person may object to, or make comments on the proposals by email, or in writing to the Governing Body of Forches Cross Community Primary School.

Dated: 13 January 2016

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