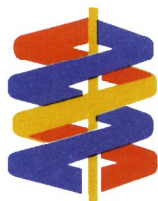


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16th July 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

At a meeting of the school Governing Body on Tuesday 15th June 2010 it was decided to adopt a charitable Trust named The South Gloucester Learning Trust which will be a co-operative membership trust with effect from 1st September 2010.

This is in line with the consultation and published statutory proposal.

The decision was taken as the Governing Body believe the Trust will raise standards through the creation of a platform for on-going improvement. The resources and expertise brought to the Trust by the partners will strengthen strategic leadership, increase support and challenge and consolidate effective monitoring, thereby promoting improvement in outcomes for students.

The mutual co-operative nature of the membership trust with its high levels of stakeholder involvement and accountability will greatly assist in further raising the profile of education and the extended schools/Every Child Matters agenda across our community and lead to enhanced community cohesion.

This decision followed a wide consultation process during which all relevant parties were consulted and consultation meetings were held for pupils, staff, parents and the general public and unions and trade associations were consulted. Statutory guidance was followed and the views of those consulted were considered by the Governing Body prior to the required Statutory Proposal being published. All representations made in response to the Statutory Proposal were considered prior to the Governing Body deciding to proceed to implementation.

The impact expected will be:

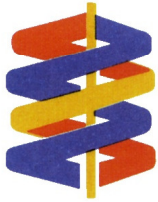
- Ensure integrated working between the schools and identified partners
- Improve the life chances of the young people in the community
- Improve the health of pupils, and their families
- Promote community interest and involvement in Education for life Improve basic skills
- Change the emphasis from teaching to learning
- Give young people the chance to determine a pathway through life
- Develop a stakeholders' forum
- Build on the values and ethos of the Co-operative Movement to create a school in which all stakeholders play an active part.

As a co-operative trust a Stakeholder Forum representing the various constituencies of membership shall be developed in the Trust's first year. (further details will be provided in the near future.) This Forum will represent the membership and hold the Trust to account. It shall also appoint two Trustees to the Trust Board.



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The school will continue to be run and managed by the Governing Body as before with the additional benefits of Trust partners and two Trust nominated Governors to assist us in our future developments.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Gwenda Halford
Chair of the Governing Body

