



## CARE Foundation Trust

### Public Consultation Questionnaire

Please fill in the consultation questionnaire below. If you need more space, please feel free to attach separate sheet/s.

Please return any response by post or by hand to the school office no later than noon on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017** to any of the schools that are consulting. Alternatively, you may wish to complete the questionnaire online by visiting the following address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P5T9Z9Y>. The same deadline time and date for completion applies.

It would be useful if you could provide us with your contact details, especially if you represent a particular organisation, *but you do not need to do so*. Thank you.

#### CONSULTING SCHOOLS

- Aldington Primary School, Roman Road, Aldington , Ashford , KENT TN25 7EE
- Brabourne CE Primary School, School Lane, Brabourne, Ashford, KENT TN25 5LQ
- Brook Primary School, Spelders Hill, Brook, Ashford , KENT TN25 5PB
- Challock Primary School, Church Lane, Challock, Ashford , KENT TN25 4BU
- Chilham St. Mary's CE Primary School, School Hill, Chilham, KENT CT4 8DE
- Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School, Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford, Kent TN25 5EA
- Goat Lees Primary School, ,Hurst Road, Kennington, Ashford, KENT TN24 9RR
- Mersham Primary School, Church Road, Mersham, Ashford, KENT TN25 6NU
- Phoenix Primary School, Belmont Road, Ashford , KENT TN24 9LS
- Smeeth Primary School, Caroland Close, Smeeth, Ashford, TN25 6RX

#### Question 1.

**How do you feel about the school/s changing category and acquiring (joining) a Partnership Trust?**

(NOTES:

1. *Goat Lees Primary School is already a Foundation School and so would not change category but simply join the CARE Foundation Trust*
2. *Brabourne CE Primary School and Chilham CE Primary School are Voluntary Controlled CE schools; Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School is a Voluntary Controlled school, therefore these schools will not change category but will acquire full partnership status within the Trust.)*

- I support the proposals
- I am not sure and would like more information particularly on...

- I do not think the school should change category or acquire a co-operative Trust  
...because...

**Question 2.**

**How do you feel about the school working with the other CARE Foundation Trust partners and with other partners listed in the documentation: Canterbury Christchurch University, Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education, Kent County Council and the Co-operative Schools Network?**

- These are the right partners
- I am concerned about the school working with...

Because...

- I think the school should also think about working with...

Because...

**Question 3. How do you feel about the vision and aims?**

**The vision for our Trust is:**

- To use the formation of the Trust to build on and strengthen what the collaboration has already achieved in terms of support and sharing best practise, and to create a learning community which seeks to further improve teaching and learning for all. Becoming part of a trust ensures each school can maintain their own individuality - ethos and vision -

whilst allowing a support network which will give all participating schools the opportunity to succeed.

- To work together to ensure a high-quality learning experience for children within Trust schools. The Trust will provide a strong and well-tested legal entity through which to collaborate more effectively for the benefit of our pupils. The trust will seek to engage external partners to strengthen the quality of education on offer.
- To 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**. Members of the Foundation Trust board will continue to consult with and represent all members of the school communities and other stakeholders involved in our schools including staff, pupils, parents and members of the local communities.

**The aims for our Trust are:**

- To develop outstanding teaching for all our learners
- To ensure that our education partnership involves working with the wider community
- To harness the practical benefits of a wider working group

This is right for the school

I do not think...

should be a priority in the vision because...

I would like to see...

...included in the school's vision.

**Question 4 (not applicable to Church of England Schools).**

**We propose that the Trust would appoint the legal minimum of 2 governors to each consulting school's Governing Board, thereby linking the Trust more closely to each of the governing boards involved and further strengthening these.**

Yes - This sounds like a good idea

Yes, but I am concerned about...

No I would prefer the Trust to appoint more Governors because...

No I do not like the proposal because...

**Question 5.**

**Do you have any other comments, concerns or suggestions about our proposals? (Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this response form. We value your opinion and can assure you that Governors will take your comments into careful consideration when deciding how to proceed.**

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