

4. The proposed Education Trust would
 - a. establish a formal partnership and allow us to work with other co-operative schools
 - b. underpin the values of the school, which are in line with universal co-operative values; and
 - c. help us to deliver our school's vision and aims.
5. The Key aims for the school, which we believe the proposed Trust will support include:
 - Develop outstanding teaching for all our children.
 - Increase, still further, the level of aspiration and opportunities for our community.
 - Realise the potential of every young person in our community.
 - Ensure excellent employment prospects for our children.
 - enrich the curriculum by providing innovative curriculum opportunities to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the world, to raise self-esteem and promote pupil wellbeing
 - Improve the transition for our children at each key stage.
 - Develop, still further, our partnership with our parents and the wider community.
 - Develop deeper partnerships with our local university and employers.

'The White Paper' published on 17th March lays out an expectation that all schools will become academies by 2022. As a group of schools we aim to form a trust providing excellent education for our children now. In the future we intend to address the issue of academisation once changes to the law have been made and a clear path has been identified.

6. Trust schools are part of the local authority system, but supported by a charitable trust which will appoint some of the governors. It is important to be aware that the governing body will continue to run the school, handle the school budget and be responsible for the performance of the school.
7. 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 that accompanies this letter. We hope you will join in the discussion and come to one of the meetings if you are able to. Responses can also be made by email to: [**trustschools@longditton.surrey.sch.uk**](mailto:trustschools@longditton.surrey.sch.uk)

Further details of the proposals are provided in our Proposal information pack which can be obtained from the school or downloaded from the website: [**www.longditton.surrey.sch.uk**](http://www.longditton.surrey.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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