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(A mutual schools co-operative education trust)

Consultation

The Reason for the Consultation

The Governing Bodies of **Garlinge Primary School and Nursery** and **St Mildred's Primary Infant School** are proposing to change their legal school category from community to foundation and, at the same time acquire charitable status through joining **Bromstone Primary School** in a shared co-operative Trust:

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This is a summary of the full Proposal, which provides further detail and is available at our school as well as electronically from our websites.

1. The Governing Bodies and the leadership teams of **Garlinge Primary School and Nursery** and **St Mildred's Primary Infant School** have been considering how best to plan for the long term futures of the schools, in the light of changes happening in the public education service.
2. We want to ensure that we continue improving the service we offer to our children and young people and we want to become part of a regional and national network of schools and partners that can help us to deliver that ambition.
3. To take this plan forward, we are proposing to change the schools' category from community to foundation and for the three schools to work together through a shared co-operative education trust, called **The Thanet Learning Co-operative Trust**
4. The proposed date of implementation (i.e. the date on which any legal change of category would take place, if agreed by Governors) is **1st September 2018**
5. 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 join a group of like-minded education providers and learn from the shared expertise and experience they offer.
6. Further information is provided below – we would be pleased to hear what your thoughts are and invite you to become a member of the Trust so that you can contribute to its work if we do go ahead.
7. You are invited to comment on these proposals at any time until the end of the consultation period, which runs from **8th June 2018 to 6th July 2018**

8. *The vision we have for our proposed Education Trust is of a strong partnership that helps us to:*
- Improve the quality of learning and teaching
 - Improve the wellbeing of our young people and staff
 - Enhance capacity by sharing resources and expertise
 - Improve value for money in a time of real terms reduction in funding
 - Support and develop current and future leaders
 - Support and develop all staff through high quality CPD.
9. 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**.

What we would like you to do

We would like to know what you think of our proposals 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.

You can respond to the consultation

- By completing the Proposal Consultation response forms, which are available from the school
- By sending comments or requests for further information by email, to the addresses below
- By sending comments or requests for further information in writing to:

Consultation c/o The Governing Body

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery – Westfield Road, Margate CT9 5PA

Tel: 01843 221877

Website: www.garlingeprimary.co.uk Email: info@garlingeprimary.co.uk

St Mildred's Primary Infant School, St Mildred's Avenue, Broadstairs, CT10 2BX

Tel: 01843 862035

Website: www.st-mildreds.kent.sch.uk Email: office@st-mildreds.kent.sch.uk

We want to consult widely about this Proposal to ensure all interested parties have their say. If you know of any other stakeholders who should be contacted, please inform the school.

A number of consultation meetings where you can find out more have been arranged as follows:

19th June 2018

St Mildred's Primary Infant School
12.00 p.m. - Union Meeting (for all schools)
1.15 p.m. - Pupils Meeting
2.15 p.m. - Parents Meeting
4.00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
6.00 p.m. - Parents/Public Meeting

20th June 2018

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery
1.15 p.m. - Pupils Meeting
2.15 p.m. - Parents Meeting
3.35 p.m. - Staff Meeting
6.00 p.m. - Parents/Public Meeting

We will also be discussing the Proposal with our children in each school, to see what their views are during the same week.