



22nd March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

We wrote to you in the summer to explain that there has been a change in Government policy which sets out for **all** schools being part of Multi-Academy Trusts by 2020. A Multi-Academy Trust is a legal entity that governs a group of schools through a single set of trustees. It is set up by a group of schools, usually a local collaboration, that share a common ethos and vision.

Therefore, our schools, who already work together as part of Southerly Point Co-operative Educational Trust*, decided to explore the possibility of establishing a Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust to build on all the good work the Trust has undertaken so far.

The existing Trust has provided a wide range of opportunities for your children, from participation in a range of sports to enrichment in subjects such as Maths, and has enhanced training for staff so that they can be even more effective in the classroom. Leaders in our schools have provided support and challenge to each other and we have seen schools' Ofsted grades improve as a result. Governors are keen to build on the success of the Trust and want to enable the 17 schools to continue to work together co-operatively.

Governors and head teachers have explored various models for Multi-Academy Trusts and believe that we have identified an appropriate model to take this forward.

We thought you would like the opportunity to find out more, have the opportunity to ask questions and help us with your feedback to shape the way forward.

To this end, each school will be holding an information session for parents to which you are invited.

Helston Community College will be holding their meeting on **Tuesday 19th April at 6.30pm in the North Site Hall.**

If you are unable to make this session, we will be publishing information on the schools' websites, along with a Frequently Asked Questions page, in order to give everyone, the chance to be kept informed.

Assuring you, as always, of our commitment to you and your children.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Donna Bryant
Head Teacher

*Southerly Point Co-operative Educational Trust Schools:

Boskenwyn Community Primary, Breage Church of England [VA], Crowan Primary, Cury C of E [VA] Primary, Garras Community Primary, Germoe Community Primary, Godolphin Primary, Halwin, Helston Community College, Landewednack Community Primary, Mullion Community Primary, Mullion, Parc Eglos, Porthleven, Sithney Community Primary, Trannack Community Primary, Wendron C of E [VA] Primary.

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