



Southerly Point Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust

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Important Update on the Future of the Trust

Dear Parent/Carer,

Due to the timing of the recent announcement regarding the future of Southernly Point Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust, today is the first opportunity the Board of Trustees has had to write formally to you to provide an update regarding the future of the Trust, which currently manages the running of the school your child attends. My apologies if the information contained in this letter has already reached you from another source.

Below is an updated statement from the Board of Trustees, which can also be found on the Trust website, outlining the future for the Trust and the schools within it.

After great deliberation and in consultation with the Department for Education, the Board of Trustees has decided that it is in the best interests of our pupils for all our schools to transfer to other Trusts. Whilst we would have preferred all the Trust's schools to transfer to one Trust together, this has not been possible to achieve. Following discussions with three Multi Academy Trusts based in Cornwall, it is our belief that Crofty Multi Academy Trust, Aspire Academy Trust and Truro and Penwith Academy Trust have the expertise and capacity to ensure our schools continue their improvement journey. Subject to consultation and the necessary agreements with the receiving MATs and the Department for Education, our schools will transfer as follows:

The following schools are proposed to transfer to Crofty Multi Academy Trust:

- *Godolphin Primary School*
- *Sithney Community Primary School*
- *Trannack Primary School*
- *Porthleven School*
- *Parc Eglos School*
- *Halwin School*
- *Garras Community Primary School*

The following schools are proposed to transfer to Aspire Academy Trust:

- *Breage Church of England School*
- *Manaccan Primary School*
- *St Keverne Community Primary School*
- *Coverack Primary school*
- *Grade-Ruan CofE Primary School*

The following schools are proposed to transfer to Truro and Penwith Academy Trust:

- *Helston Community College*
- *Mullion School*
- *Mullion Community Primary School*
- *Landewednack Community Primary School*

The Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) and her Advisory Board are due to meet to consider our decision on 4th July 2022. In respect of the Church of England schools, the approval of Askel Veur will also be required. Should our decision receive approval from the RSC, the receiving Trusts will immediately conduct due diligence with a view to completing the transfer of schools by January 2023.

Stakeholder engagement meetings are in the process of being arranged and dates will be confirmed shortly. In the meantime, representations can be made to the RSC by email to the following mailbox: rsc.sw@education.gov.uk, where they will be considered at the Advisory Board meeting on 4th July.

As work progresses on the transfers outlined above, the Trust will write to you with updates. As mentioned in the statement above, stakeholder engagement meetings are in the process of being organised for all our schools. At these meetings there will be colleagues from Southerly Point and the receiving Trusts. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

There have also been changes to the Board of Trustees and senior team at Southerly Point Co-operative Multi Academy Trust. Karen Harris has stepped down as Chair and as a Trustee, and the Board of Trustees have appointed me as Chair with Clare Kendle as Vice-Chair. The Board of Trustees have also appointed a new Chief Executive Officer for Southerly Point, Mark Blackman, who takes up his new role this week. Mark has significant experience in leading Multi Academy Trusts and will work with all schools and the central team at Southerly Point to help make the changes outlined in this letter. Mark will be joining the consultation meetings.

I would like to reassure you that I, the Board of Trustees and the senior team at Southerly Point remain fully committed to the children being educated in schools that are a part of our Trust.

Yours faithfully,



Will Smith

Chair of the Board of Trustees