



30 October 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

The Devon Moors Federation (DMF) governing board are proposing to change Coplestone Primary School's, Filleigh Community Primary School's and Spreyton Primary School's legal school category from community to foundation and at the same time acquire a Trust known as United Schools' Learning Partnership (USLP). As a church school, Chittlehampton Primary School already has a trust and so would become a partner school within the USLP.

Joining the USLP will allow our federation to establish a formal partnership with the United Schools Federation and Kingsteignton School, a Free School set up by USF in 2016. Joining the Trust will allow us to work closely with a group of like-minded schools to improve opportunities and standards for all children within our federation. With the dissolution of Local Learning Communities, we need to form partnerships that are based on raising standards, are not limited by geography and maximise opportunities in the ever-increasing financial restrictions being placed on schools. Joining the Trust will allow for greater co-operation, sharing of expertise and resources, continued cross-school improvement work and will allow other schools, who are willing to uphold the co-operative principles, to join.

The Devon Moors Federation governing board is formally entering a consultation process today as well as a statutory notice period between Thursday 2 November and Friday 1 December 2017.

Enclosed is an information leaflet which sets out briefly the implications of the proposed change of category and the joining of a local mutual co-operative school trust, as well as the reasons why the DMF governing board are proposing such a change. The leaflet seeks to answer some of the more common questions raised.

We would like to invite you to attend any of the following consultation meetings:

**Monday 13 November 2017 at Coplestone Primary School:**

**1.30pm** meeting with trade union and professional association representatives

**2.15pm** meeting with parents/carers

**4.30pm** meeting with Devon Moors Federation staff

**6.00pm** meeting with members of the public including parents and carers

**Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 6pm at Spreyton Primary School** meeting with parents, carers and members of the public

**Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 6pm at Filleigh Primary School** meeting with parents, carers and members of the public

Details of the proposals and frequently asked questions and answers are available in **Booklets 1 and 2**. Both can be found on the following websites:

[www.devonmoorsfederation.devon.sch.uk](http://www.devonmoorsfederation.devon.sch.uk)

[www.coplestone-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.coplestone-primary.devon.sch.uk)

[www.filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)  
[www.spreyton-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.spreyton-primary.devon.sch.uk)  
[www.chittlehampton.devon.sch.uk](http://www.chittlehampton.devon.sch.uk)  
[www.unitedschoolsfd.co.uk](http://www.unitedschoolsfd.co.uk)  
[www.kingsteignton.school.org](http://www.kingsteignton.school.org)

If you would like to obtain a paper copy of these documents, please contact your school office.

Please read the information we have provided and ask questions you feel are important. We are looking to consult with all stakeholders before making a final decision. We hope you will contribute your views, which you may do until noon on Friday 1 December 2017 – please use the enclosed public consultation questionnaire.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us in the normal manner.

Yours sincerely



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