

## **The Schools Co-operative Society and The Co-operative College outlines its joint vision for working with the new Government**

One of the largest groups of schools in the country has outlined its vision to work with the new government. The Schools Co-operative Society (SCS) is the apex body for all Co-operative Schools in the country, numbering over 850 primary and secondary schools. It has outlined a joint approach in partnership with The Co-operative College, an educational charity based in Manchester. In a joint statement, the Chief Executives of both organisations have committed to working in partnership with the new government to raise standards and outcomes for young people, in particular the joint statement highlights:

- SCS and The Co-operative College are committed to the journey/vision to create a world class education system for all through the further development of a school led self-improving system.
- SCS and The Co-operative College will actively work with the DFE to create a range of sustainable models of school organisation, including Co-operative multi-academy trusts, that will drive world class outcomes for all.
- SCS and The Co-operative College are committed to the development of active, engaged citizens within modern British society
- SCS and The Co-operative College will continue to support our family of schools to deliver the highest standards and outcomes.

David Boston, Chief Executive of SCS highlighted that this is an exciting time for Cooperative Schools as they look to build upon a values driven approach to school improvement. "The Prime Minister David Cameron highlighted a number of years ago in a speech in Manchester how he felt that a co-operative built around the needs of children is an ideal model to engage parents. We are seeking to further build on this shared understanding to create a world class future for co-operative schools."

Simon Parkinson, the new Chief Executive and Principal of The Co-operative College commented that.

"The Co-operative Movement has a longstanding commitment to outstanding education for all. We look forward to continuing this by working with the new government, SCS and our growing network of schools to continue the drive for an education experience which supports all young people to reach their full potential."