



**Headteacher**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At a meeting of the school Governing Body held on **15th November 2018** it was decided to:

- change school category from Community to Foundation;
- and adopt a charitable Trust named **Godalming Learning Partnership** which shall be a co-operative membership trust;
- with effect from **1st December 2018**

This is in line with the consultation and published Statutory Proposals.

The decision was taken as the Governing Body believe the Trust will raise standards through the creation of a platform for on-going improvement. The resources and expertise brought to the Trust by the partners will strengthen strategic leadership, increase support and challenge and consolidate effective monitoring, thereby promoting improvement in outcomes for students.

The mutual co-operative nature of the membership trust with its high levels of stakeholder involvement and accountability will greatly assist in further raising the profile of education across our community.

This decision followed a full consultation process during which all relevant parties were consulted and separate consultation meetings were held for staff (and their union representatives), parents/carers and the general public.

Simultaneously with the public consultation learners in the school were consulted in a meeting of representatives. This process gave overwhelming support for the proposals.

Statutory guidance was followed and the views of those consulted were considered by the Governing Body prior to the required Statutory Proposals being published. All representations made in response to the Statutory Proposals were considered prior to the Governing Body deciding to proceed to implementation.

The impact expected will be to:

- maximise the progress and achievement of every young person in our community,
- improve transition for all our learners across each key stage,

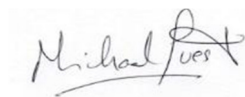
- use collective resources to broaden and enrich the learning opportunities for our community,
- develop long-term sustainable partnerships between schools, other education providers and external partner organisations.

As a co-operative trust a Stakeholder Forum representing the various constituencies of membership shall be developed in the trust's first 12 to 18 months: - further details will be provided in the near future. This Forum will represent the membership and hold the Trust to account. It shall also appoint 2 Trustees to the Trust Board.

The school will continue to be run and managed by the Governing Body as before with the additional benefits of Trust partners and 2 Trust nominated Governors to assist us in our future developments.

The Governing Body will replace the Local Authority as the Admissions Authority but shall continue to operate the current admissions arrangements, though reserving the right to review them as appropriate. The Governing Body also remains bound by the National Code of Conduct on Fair Admissions. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Chair of the Governing Body