

Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust Statutory Notice

This is a proposal to form a partnership of schools by acquiring the Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust. The schools in the partnership will be those currently known as Appledore Community Primary and Nursery School, Hartland Primary School, Pynes Community Infant School and Nursery and Woolser Primary School.

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that:

The Governing Body of **Appledore Community Primary and Nursery School** intends to make a prescribed alteration to Appledore Community Primary and Nursery School which is a Community School located at Richmond Road, Appledore, Bideford, Devon, EX39 1PF

The Governing Body of **Hartland Primary School** intends to make a prescribed alteration to Hartland Primary School which is a Community School located at North Road, Hartland, Bideford, Devon, EX39 6BP

The Governing Body of **Pynes Community Infant School and Nursery** intends to make a prescribed alteration to Pynes Community Infant School and Nursery which is a Community School located at Coronation Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 3DD

The Governing Body of **Woolser Primary School** intends to make a prescribed alteration to Woolser Primary School which is a Community School located at Woolser, Bideford, Devon, EX39 5QS

The proposed alteration in each case is to change school category from Community to Foundation and together with one or more of the proposed partners to acquire a trust established otherwise than under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

The proposed name of the foundation will be Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust and the proposed implementation date is 3rd June 2013. The trust does not already act as a foundation for any foundation or voluntary school.

The proposed members of the trust are:

- Appledore Community Primary and Nursery School (2 Trustees)
- Hartland Primary School (2 Trustees)
- Pynes Community Infant School and Nursery (2 Trustees)
- Woolser Primary School (2 Trustees)
- St George's C of E (VA) Infant and Nursery School (2 Trustees)
- St Margaret's C of E (VA) Junior School (2 Trustees)
- St Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School (2 Trustees)
- University College Plymouth St Mark and St John (1 Trustee)
- Devon County Council (1 Trustee)
- Diocese of Exeter (1 Trustee)
- The Co-operative Movement, initially represented by the Co-operative College (1 Trustee)

In addition, learners at each of the schools, parents, staff, members of the local community and local community organisations will be able to become members of the Trust. The Trust will have a Stakeholder Forum composed of members, which will be able to appoint 2 or 3 of the Trust's trustees. As the Trust develops, it will consider other schools joining the Trust.

The rationale for acquiring the Trust, the contribution it will make, and the direction it will provide to the schools can be summarised as follows:

The Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust will collectively value excellence of achievement, a happy working atmosphere and a close relationship with our parents and our local communities. We shall continue to strive to provide support to children and their families to

give them the best possible chance of success. This includes engaging with outside agencies and drawing on our collective expertise to make learning and development accessible to all. Through our work, we aim to develop a lifelong love of learning in all members of our schools. We believe in providing a stimulating learning environment through a creative, challenging curriculum. The creation of the Trust will provide a strong and well-tested legal entity through which to collaborate with our partners for the benefit of all our children.

Key aims of our Trust are to:

- make the quality of teaching and learning our highest priority
- develop a support structure which ensures children can achieve their potential, both by ensuring a safe and happy environment and by knowing each child as an individual
- seek to make every child feel a part of the community by increasing their ownership and participation
- celebrate achievement and creativity
- engage parents in an equal partnership to support their child
- invest in our staff to increase our skills and experience
- celebrate and support innovation and research in teaching and learning by our colleagues
- work closely with our community to raise aspiration and create opportunities and contribute fully to the life of the community
- collaborate with our partners for the benefit of our children and staff.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the full proposal can be obtained from the websites of the four consulting schools, as follows: www.appledore-primary.devon.sch.uk, www.hartland.devon.sch.uk, www.bideford-pynes-infants.devon.sch.uk and www.woolsery.devon.sch.uk

or by writing to the individual schools (addresses above) or by email to admin@appledore-primary.devon.sch.uk, admin@hartland.devon.sch.uk, admin@bideford-pynes-infants.devon.sch.uk and admin@woolsery.devon.sch.uk

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal any person may object to, or make comments on the proposals by email to one of the addresses above, or in writing to the Governing Body of one of the individual schools (addresses above)

Dated: 14 March 2013

Signed:
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Appledore Community Primary and Nursery School

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