



# Come and Join our Trust

Information about the Dovestone Learning Partnership and how you can become involved.



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## **The Dovestone Learning Partnership (DLP)**

In October 2017 the following schools formed a Cooperative Trust called Dovestone Learning Partnership. We have done this to formally recognise that working together can help us provide the highest level of education for the pupils attending our schools. Whilst we recognise individual schools' contributions, the partnership brings additional strength by collaborating to develop practice to address our common local needs.

- Christchurch Denshaw CE Primary School
- Diggle Primary School
- Delph Primary School
- Friezland Primary School
- Knowsley Junior School
- Saddleworth School
- St Agnes CE Primary School
- St Mary's Greenfield CE Primary School
- St Thomas', Leesfield CE Primary School

Together with partners from Oldham Sixth Form College and the Local Authority formed a Cooperative Trust called Dovestone Learning Partnership.

## **The Partnership Vision**

A strong family of inspiring schools that serve our local community and contribute fully to the provision of education in the area. We want to ensure:

- The community is passionate about learning
- Everyone's point of view is heard and appreciated
- A relevant curriculum is engaging, inspiring and challenging for all learners
- Children and young people experience excellent learning and teaching enabling them to thrive and flourish within a vibrant, happy, inclusive and safe learning environment
- The adults employed to work with them are valued and challenged to be the best they can be
- To be kept up-to-date on Partnership activities, participate in those activities and help shape the work of the Partnership to meet local needs
- To support the establishment of a 'Friends of Dovestone Learning Partnership' and actively make a difference in the community
- To be able to participate in Partnership Member Groups
- To be able to stand or vote for your Partnership representative
- To ensure you have a voice in the learning in your local community

## How can you be involved?

Our Partnership is what is known as a membership trust and we are keen to build an active group of members who can contribute to the DLP and support us in our vision and aims.

Pupils, staff and parents/carers are all automatically members of our co-operative. For our potential community partners there is a requirement to actively join. As we want to build our membership in this first instance membership is free. Just complete the enclosed form if you wish to join.

Ultimately these groups will have a representative Forum and can elect members to join the Partnership Board itself. What this means is that we have a genuine commitment to our community being able to shape the work we do as a Partnership.

## Our Promise to You

You can expect all within the Dovestone Learning Partnership to continually work towards the development of a strong schools' community by:

- Listening and taking action on all members' feedback and suggestions
- Creating an environment geared towards challenging one another and the community alike in an effort to raise standards across the Partnership
- Instilling a strong sense of pride and belonging in the DLP and the community we serve by encouraging closer collaboration.

Becoming a member of the DLP will help us with our aims. There are a number of ways you can become involved.

There are three different levels of membership and you can opt into whichever level suits you:



### Level 1

**Keep informed** via our newsletters and school websites

### Level 2

**Contribute** through questionnaires etc. In addition to receiving information we may ask you to fill in questionnaires, be part of a consultation or seek your opinions about Trust activities or plans.

### Level 3

**Participate** in Trust activities or events, or even be elected to be a representative on our Stakeholder Forum. We are aiming to establish a 'Friends of Dovestone Learning Partnership' that will support our activities. Being part of the Stakeholder Forum would mean linking into the Trust Board and be able to put your views forward.

In addition you could become a **DLP Champion**. This would mean you would receive training about 'what is a co-operative' and support the partnership by assisting in developing publicity materials, identifying prospective new members, speaking at events about the partnership and the benefits of being involved and helping organise events. All we ask is for you to give some time to help us meet our aspirations.

Here are some examples of the benefits of being involved.

- The opportunity to contribute to the quality of education and raising of standards across the DLP schools and supporting your local school in delivering the best education for your child
- Nurturing of young talent and developing their skills
- A chance to be involved in transforming the learning experiences of children and the community
- Training opportunities, new friendships and networks
- Support curriculum developments to ensure that learners are work ready
- Access to new sources of participants and contributors to businesses and community groups

## What could you give?

- Time to support the Partnership
- Bring your individual skills to help other parents, learners and schools
- Provide opportunities for staff and learners i.e. work experience
- Support community learning projects
- Advice, guidance and information
- Help with fundraising to support community events

Since October the Partnership has developed a Peer Review system for all schools, shared data and school information to determine priorities, worked together on Literacy, Numeracy, Music, Sports and Global Education, implemented some financial efficiencies and new contracting for services and developed shared policies. There is so much more planned.

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Partnership.**

# What next?

If you want to join our partnership (remember pupils, staff and parents/carers are automatically members) please complete the enclosed form.

We would also like to know if you feel you can contribute to any part of the DLP. Complete the section on the form and let us know.

If you want more information please do get in touch with any of the schools involved or email Julie Bowdidge, DLP Facilitator at [juliebowdidge@googlemail.com](mailto:juliebowdidge@googlemail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you.



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