

Consultation



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What is being proposed?

For South Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust to join Education South West.

Secondary Schools	Primary Schools	Other Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coombeshead Academy (958)• Kingsbridge Academy (1418)• South Dartmoor Community College (1381)• Teign School (1079)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ashburton Primary (189)• Blackawton Primary (125)• Buckfastleigh Primary (224)• Christow Community Primary (93)• East Allington Primary (79)• Ilsington C of E Primary (56)• Kingswear Primary (63)• Moretonhampstead Primary (137)• Rydon Primary (424)• Stoke Fleming Primary (133)• Widecombe Primary (75)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atrium Studio (129)• Dartmouth Academy (426)• Glendinning House (opening Sept 2020)

Why do we want to do this?

- ▶ Changing climate in education
- ▶ To work collaboratively and share best practice
- ▶ To ensure 6th form provision is secure in the local area
- ▶ To develop alternative provisions to meet the needs of all children
- ▶ To maximise the resources we have available for teaching and learning

Why South Dartmoor MAT and Education South West?

- ▶ We share the same educational ethos where children have to come first
- ▶ Both trusts feel strongly that schools need to have their own identity within the community and do not support corporate models of education where all schools are identical
- ▶ Both trusts have schools set in similar rural/small towns and understand the nature of these schools
- ▶ We are geographically close enough for staff to work together

What do we already do as a MAT?

- ▶ Shared staff training
- ▶ Joint monitoring across schools of teaching and learning – best practice shared
- ▶ Weekly meetings with school leaders ensures shared expertise and raised expectations
- ▶ Local Governors meet half termly and have shared opportunities for training
- ▶ Provide community resources e.g. gym facilities at Ashmoor and South Brent



What else could we do as a larger MAT?

- ▶ Train our own high quality teachers which would help with the current recruitment challenges
- ▶ Provide ongoing staff development and career opportunities so we can have the best staff working in our schools
- ▶ Provide greater opportunities for staff to share good practice in order to raise standards and reduce workload
- ▶ Strengthen school improvement capacity to ensure no school fails and all children get fair access to high quality education
- ▶ Ensure we get best value for money and as much of our funds as possible can make it back into the classroom



What else could we do as a larger MAT?

- ▶ Share our range of community links/resources to provide children with additional extra curricular opportunities e.g. forest schools, sports provision, creative arts
- ▶ Joint development of educational initiatives using the research school
- ▶ Ability to employ staff with high levels of expertise across the trust e.g. educational psychology, educational welfare, maths specialists etc.

What would stay the same?

- ▶ Individual identity of each school within their local community i.e. uniforms and names
- ▶ The links schools have already established in their local group
- ▶ Local Governing Bodies
- ▶ Staff would keep their same terms and conditions of service

What would need to change?

- ▶ All staff would be employed by Education South West
- ▶ The board of Directors and Members at South Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust would dissolve but some directors and members from SDMAT would join the boards at Education South West

Any questions?

