

What stays the same and what changes?

As with all ACCT schools, Buckland Brewer and Parkham will continue to:

- teach the National Curriculum
- receive funding from the Local Authority (Devon County Council)
- be maintained schools, not academies or free schools
- follow the School Admissions Code
- be inspected by Ofsted
- retain its governing body's existing responsibilities and statutory powers and will remain responsible, for the running of the Flying Start Federation
- automatically employ teachers on the same terms and conditions
- ensure support staff also retain their current employment terms and conditions

Changes:

- Flying Start's governing body will legally employ staff rather than the Local Authority. (This is already the case in ACCT schools and Voluntary Aided church schools)
- Flying Start's assets (that is, the school grounds and buildings) will be held in trust by the Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust rather than Devon County Council.
- Flying Start's governing body will have two foundation governors appointed by the Trust.
- The Trust will establish a members' forum to represent the views of all members of the trust including children, parents, carers, staff and the local community.

The Consultation Process

The consultation is open to everyone who might be affected by the change. This includes children, parents, carers, staff, governors, potential partners and our local and wider communities.

The Consultation Period runs from noon on Tuesday 6th September 2016 to noon on Tuesday 4th October 2016.

We hope you will be able to attend one of the consultation meetings as your involvement in the process is really important.

The following meetings will take place **on Wednesday 21st September 2016 at our schools:**

11.00am meeting with children at Buckland Brewer
12.00 meeting with parents at Buckland Brewer
12.45pm meeting with Trade Union and Professional Association representatives at Buckland Brewer
1.45pm meeting with children at Parkham
2.45pm meeting with parents at Parkham
4.00pm meeting with all federation staff at Parkham
6.00pm public meeting (inc parents) at Parkham

You can complete the Consultation Response Form in writing or online by downloading it from Flying Start Federation's website www.buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk or by emailing admin@buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk or admin@parkham.devon.sch.uk
The forms are also available on the ACCT website www.acct.education

If, following a review of your responses to this consultation, the Flying Start Federation governing body decides to continue with the process of becoming foundation schools and joining ACCT, it will publish statutory proposals on changing category and joining a charitable trust. When both this statutory notice and the consultation period is over, the governing body will consider the outcome of the

statutory notice period and decide on whether it wishes to proceed to join the trust.



Consultation leaflet outlining the proposal that Buckland Brewer Community Primary School and Parkham Primary School change from Community to Foundation School category and join an existing Charitable Trust known as the Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust (ACCT)

Members of the Existing Trust:

Appledore School
Hartland Primary School
Instow Community Primary School
Woolsery Primary School
University of St Mark and St John
Mole Valley Farmers
The Atlantic Coast Racquet Centre
The Co-operative Movement
RHS Rosemoor
Devon County Council
The Diocese of Exeter

In association with Partner Schools:

St George's Church of England VA Infant and Nursery School, Northam
St Margaret's Church of England VA Junior School, Northam
St Mary's Church of England VC Primary School, Bideford

The Consultation

The Flying Start Federation schools wish to consult on becoming a full member of the Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust.

The trust was formed during the summer term in 2013 following consultation with the local community. ACCT was formed to provide a strong framework in which its member schools could work collaboratively to deliver its two core aims: **curriculum enrichment** and **school improvement** in line with the co-operative values and having the opportunity to engage with partner organisations to support the work of the trust.

This leaflet outlines the proposal and the consultation process. Booklet 1 provides further details of the proposal and Booklet 2 provides a series of frequently asked questions and answers. Both can be found on Flying Start's website www.buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk or the ACCT website www.acct.education. If you would like to obtain a paper copy of these documents, please contact Buckland Brewer of Parkham's school offices.

What is a Trust School?

This is a type of school that, whilst still being part of the local authority family of schools, has the opportunity to be supported by a charitable trust, known as Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust, set up to help the drive for improved standards through engaging with the wider community. ACCT will act as the legal foundation for Buckland Brewer Community Primary School and Parkham Primary School if they decide to become foundation schools.

Quite simply, membership of the Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust, enables the group of schools to work together as a co-operative governed by the traditional co-operative values and principles.

In the tradition of their founders, co-operative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others. Individuals within co-operatives act responsibly and play a full part in the organisation.

In co-operatives, people help each other whilst helping themselves for mutual benefit. Each member has equal rights and benefits, according to their contribution. Members support each other and other co-operatives and are treated justly and fairly.

The co-operative trust model enables those who are directly involved with the schools, be they children, parents, carers, staff, governors or the wider community to become engaged in its long term direction through membership of the trust.

All schools within the trust have equal representation on ACCT's Trust Board.



Why are we considering it?

ACCT is focused on securing the best possible outcomes for all our children through:

- Shared use of resources, opportunities and expertise, especially in our area of North Devon, where access to these, is often challenging
- Shared opportunities to work across a range of settings and communities
- Collective brokering of services and opportunities for children and staff development, thus offering better value for money for each of our schools
- Strong local accountability, with priorities responsive to our local situation and diverse collection of schools.

Flying Start Federation wish to continue to contribute to and benefit from ACCT's priorities. These include:

- Securing and developing partnerships to help promote curriculum development and school improvement, particularly with the University of St Mark & St John and the Dartmoor Teaching School Alliance
- Continuing to be a high quality provider of Initial Teacher Training (ITT) through our own bespoke School Direct Programme, allowing us to grow our next generation of teachers
- Developing investigative learning and understanding of learning behaviours across ACCT
- Raising achievement in all our schools and help identify areas of weakness so these can be swiftly addressed
- Developing PE provision across the trust, particularly in relation to Sports Premium funding
- Increasing collaborative learning across the schools and enhancing the children's curriculum experience
- In partnership with the Dartmoor Teaching School Alliance, developing our own Specialist Leaders in Education (SLEs) who can be deployed strategically for school improvement and staff professional development.