

## **Kent SEN Trust Statutory Notice**

This is a proposal to form a partnership of schools by acquiring TRUST Kent-SEN. The schools in the partnership will be Bower Grove School, Foxwood School, Goldwyn School, Grange Park School, Highview School, Ifield School, Meadowfield School, Ridge View School, Rowhill Special School and Valence School.

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

the Governing Body of Bower Grove School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Bower Grove School which is a community special school located at Fant Lane, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8NL

the Governing Body of Foxwood School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Foxwood School which is a community special school located at Seabrook Road, Hythe, Folkestone, Kent CT21 5QJ

the Governing Body of Grange Park School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Grange Park School which is a community special school located at Borough Green Road, Wrotham Kent, TN15 7RD

the Governing Body of Highview School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Highview School which is a community special school located at Moat Farm Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5DJ

the Governing Body of Meadowfield School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Meadowfield School which is a community special school located at Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4NL

the Governing Body of Ridge View School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Ridge View School which is a community special school located at Cage Green Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 4PT

the Governing Body of Rowhill Special School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Rowhill Special School which is a community special school located at Main Road, Longfield, Kent DA3 7PW

The proposed alteration in each case is to change school category from Community Special School to Foundation Special School 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.

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

the Governing Body of Goldwyn School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Goldwyn School which is a foundation special school located at Godinton Lane, Great Chart, Ashford TN23 3BT

the Governing Body of Ifield School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Ifield School which is a foundation special school located at Cedar Avenue, Gravesend Kent DA12 5JT

the Governing Body of Valence School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Valence School which is a foundation special school located at Westerham Road, Westerham, Kent TN16 1QN

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

The proposed name of the foundation will be Kent SEN Trust and the proposed implementation date is 1st January 2015. The Trust does not already act as a foundation for any foundation or voluntary school.

The proposed members of the Trust are:

- Kent Association of Special Schools (1 Trustee)
- The Co-operative Movement (initially represented by the Co-operative College) (1 Trustee)
- Broomhill Bank School (2 Trustees)
- Bower Grove School (2 Trustees)
- Foxwood School (1 Trustee)
- Goldwyn School (2 Trustees)
- Grange Park School (2 Trustees)
- Highview School (1 Trustee)
- Ifield School (2 Trustees)
- Meadowfield School (2 Trustees)
- Ridge View School (2 Trustees)
- Rowhill Special School (2 Trustees)
- Valence School (2 Trustees)

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 some of the Trust's trustees. As the Trust develops, it will welcome other schools joining.

The ten named schools have long worked together for mutual benefit and the rationale for acquiring the Trust, the contribution it will make, and the direction it will provide to the schools can be summarised by its objectives, as follows:

- To further improve outcomes for all our learners in all our schools, with a strengthened focus on school-to-school self improvement.
- To support each school to become - and then stay - 'Outstanding'.
- To strengthen our ability to work collaboratively and co-operatively to enable our schools to grow, develop and improve together.
- To formalise and further develop arrangements already in place for joint working, including support for innovation and research in teaching and learning by our colleagues.

- To develop further the skills and expertise of staff across the schools to secure high quality teaching and learning for all
- To further share resources and skills across the schools and investing in our staff and our organisational systems to increase our skills, experience and efficiencies
- To further increase levels of aspiration across our school communities thereby impacting positively upon standards.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the full proposal can be obtained from any of the school websites or from any of the schools by writing to its Governing Body (address above) or by e-mail to:

**higgins@highview.kent.sch.uk**

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by email to the address above, or in writing to the Governing Body of the appropriate school (addresses above).

13<sup>th</sup> October 2014




Headteacher  
Chair of Governors: Mrs A White  
Bower Grove School



Headteacher  
Chair of Governors: Mr R Hollis  
Meadowfield School



Headteacher  
Chair of Governors: Mr T O'connor  
Goldwyn School



Headteacher  
Chair of Governors: Ms Anna Pritchard  
Ridge View School



Headteacher  
Chair of Governors: Mr M Balfour  
Grange Park School



Headteacher  
Chair of Governors: Mr Carl Sizmur  
Rowhill Special School



Headteacher  
Chair of Governors: Mr R Hewson  
Highview & Foxwood Schools



Headteacher  
Chair of Governors: Mr B Davies  
Valence School



Headteacher  
Chair of Governors: Mrs J Brotherston  
Ifield School

