

Dear Parent/Carer

Cooperative Trust Status

As you know we have held a four week consultation period on whether Calder High School should become a Cooperative Trust School. I have attached the responses from that Consultation, which were considered at a meeting of the Governing Body on 7 November 2013.

As you will see, the responses were extremely positive and, therefore, after careful deliberation the governors have decided to move to the next stage of the process. This involves another four week period of Statutory Consultation, which will run from 22 November to 20 December 2013. We will use this time to work on how the Trust and governing body will be re-constituted as well as legal preparation with the Local Authority. The Governors will meet again on 14 January 2014 to take a final decision.

I also need to inform you that one of our prospective partners, Calderdale College, have decided that they do not wish to be a formal member of the Trust, although they have affirmed their commitment to collaboration and support. We will, therefore, be continuing the formation of the Trust with the Brooksbank School, Calderdale Local Authority and the Cooperative College. In addition, over time we will look to expand the Trust with other education, business or community partners.

I will, of course, keep you informed of any further development.

Yours sincerely

Peter Buckley
Chair of Governors