



ESPRIT Multi Academy Trust
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“Every child deserves to be the best they can be”

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you to inform you of some potential changes at ESPRIT. As a small academy trust we have learned that working together has helped us work more efficiently and offer a greater educational experience to your children, and we are now exploring taking this to the next level.

We have completed a Due Diligence process with the Co-op Academies Trust with the hope of joining them in the next year. This will bring to our schools a wealth of experience and resources that will benefit every child in our schools.

Our mission and values will not change but we will add the values of the Co-op Academies Trust, they are already closely aligned with ours which is why we feel they're a good fit for our schools.

Who are the Co-op Academies Trust?

The Co-op Academies Trust is a group of 32 schools including primary, secondary, colleges and special schools across the North West of England, West Midlands and West Yorkshire; they are a Trust built on Co-operative values and are sponsored by the Co-op Group. You can find out more about them on their website <https://www.coopacademies.co.uk/>

The Trust is known for creating opportunities and memorable experiences for young people, this is their guiding principal and can be seen in their school improvement programme: the majority of their schools are now good or outstanding. They're also known for projects like their Careers Programme which is a leading offering in the UK. A local example of their success is with Co-op Academy Stoke, only a few miles from our schools.

Co-op Academy Stoke in Tunstall is one of the most successful secondary schools in the city, achieving the highest progress score of any non-selective school in Stoke-on-Trent, and recently achieving a continuing Good in their very recent Ofsted report. There are a further 3 primary schools in Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme in the Trust. Co-op Academy Glebe and Co-op Academy Friarswood are two of the primary schools who have the highest expectations and achieve them for their students with both producing excellent pupil outcomes.

What does this mean for you?

For your children nothing huge will change, except there will be additional opportunities offered to them. We will all gain experience and funding to support our schools, including investment and help to make our curriculum even better.



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It will mean we will have new logos on our uniforms, however it is the belief at the Co-op that they should only be replaced when they are worn out, so we won't be asking you to replace them when we join the trust. When they're ready to be replaced because they're worn out or your children have outgrown them you will be able to buy the new uniforms only when needed.

All of your teachers and support staff will become part of the Co-op family too.

We will get new branding, so our signs will change to reflect our new school names which will be Co-op Academy Northwood Broom, Co-op Academy Hamilton, and Co-op Academy Grove.

What happens next?

At this point we are exploring every part of the transition with the Co-op Academies Trust, ensuring that we're on the same page about everything that makes our schools happy places for your children to learn. We are confident that the fit is a good one and we will be organising a parent information evening in the Autumn term where you are all welcome to come to school and learn about the Trust in more detail and ask them any questions that you may have.

We would welcome your feedback using the form below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdy6nj7re8UqohgRgiVrbUEQxAatNKAUqlkio07RxWKMNldCQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Yours Faithfully

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