

Executive Summary



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The St Neots Learning Partnership Trust (SNLP / *The Trust*) is proposing to operate the new primary school at Wintringham Park, St Neots, as part of a Multi-Academy Trust. The Trust is confident in its approach to learning and teaching and that its proposed sponsorship of the new school will be highly effective in ensuring high-quality primary provision. The Trust has a long-serving relationship in the service of the families and children of St Neots, we look forward to incorporating the new school and families of the children who attend the school into the established community. I have worked hard to develop working relationships at both secondary schools and within the community and I have a deep understanding of our educational needs here in St Neots.

The Trust brings together the two mainstream secondary academies in St Neots: Ernulf Academy and Longsands Academy. The SNLP ensures that active, ongoing collaboration characterises our work in a number of networks. Examples include partnerships with the St Neots Schools Forum for which the SNLP was a founding member and is co-chaired by Lisa Plowman, Partnership Director and Helen Rouse, Headteacher, Eynesbury C of E Primary, all Huntingdonshire Secondary Academies and an International Forum.

We operate a very successful learning community and plan to use this experience to establish the new primary school. Our schools have strong leadership teams and excellent systems to monitor, and evaluate and develop the quality of learning and teaching across the town.

We are passionate about and committed to life-long learning. We believe that we are guardians of our pupils' learning, from the cradle through to when our young people graduate our guardianship to continue their learning in the wider world: in higher education, apprenticeship, university or employment. The Trust believes that the sponsorship of a primary school in St Neots will benefit our whole community through increased opportunities for specialist teaching and joint practice development between and across the school community and by continuing to strengthen our Partnerships with other schools locally.

Building on existing excellence in practice, the Trust will ensure that the new school performs effectively by:

- developing passionate and engaged staff through distributed and delegated leadership
- developing consistently high quality teaching across the school, ensuring all pupils make rapid progress in the core skills of reading, writing and mathematics
- engaging confident learners who can Think, Plan and Communicate effectively within a wide range of contexts
- providing a broad balanced curriculum, meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum, with a strong local focus that aims to excite and enthuse all pupils. This will support a love of learning and prepare them for the next stage of their educational career
- employing and retaining primary specialist teachers, initially in early years, then numeracy and literacy and in creative areas such as Music, PE, Art and MFL
- further developing already established SLAs with primary schools to support delivery of MFL within the town
- integrating the new school, and their families, into the wider community of St Neots through curriculum design and the school's involvement in a variety of community activities
- ensuring opportunities for older SNLP students to visit the other primary school acting as learning buddies/mentors, sharing learning experiences and lead learning for example in sports activities, music and languages and other curriculum enhancing activities
- building on our strong and established management systems to monitor pupil progress and quality assure, ensuring appropriate support or interventions are put in place to accelerate learning as required
- ensuring an effective partnership involving parents and carers in all stages of their child's educational development
- using new technologies to support innovation in learning and draw in high-quality teaching staff enabling the school to be an example to others and— a centre of excellence in primary practice
- establishing a community ethos in the new school to develop and support well rounded, confident, caring and sociable children who are creative, imaginative, happy and independent

- establish high quality provision, which supports families before and after school and during the holidays as well as providing outstanding Early Years provision at the school
- continue our joint practice development cross-Trust and sharing of best practice with other local schools - and continuing to learn from others through regular *formal and informal* partnerships.

We champion the use of new technology to ensure greater parental engagement and effective partnership with parents, through social media such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. With this in mind, we are developing our use of Sims Learning Gateway on online reporting. We will aim to develop the use of other innovations such as the use of the Tapestry on-line learning journal to provide immediate, relevant and appropriate dialogue between home and school through Early Years and into more widely across the primary stage.

The Trust plans to build on existing leadership capacity and management by appointing a high-calibre Executive Headteacher/Headteacher to lead the school. A local Governing Body will be established once the school is open to oversee the school and ensure the involvement of all key stakeholders. The Trust provides strategic oversight and direction for its schools as set out in the proposal and the summary. We however support the development of each school and its own distinctive character. We also feel that leading the new primary school at Wintringham Park, would enable the SNLP to help to support other primaries more effectively across the town and in the wider context of the St Neots Schools Forum.

Please note: the relationship between the SNLP Trust and Eynesbury Primary school is developed throughout this bid.

The SNLP Trust and Eynesbury have been key schools in the development of partnership working over the last few years across the town of St Neots. We share a Chair of Governors and have a long established relationship between senior staff at our schools. In the preparation of this bid, and other areas of our working, we work closely with Primary Headteacher Consultant: Helen Rouse, Headteacher, Eynesbury Primary School who has 25 years' experience in Primary Education; and 20 years' experience in senior leadership including: Deputy Headteacher/ Acting Headteacher and Headteacher, including Experience includes at two large four form entry primary schools in Bracknell, Berkshire and Camberley, Surrey. Helen also has a Masters degree in Education Management.

We feel the strong relationship and support offered by Helen as a Primary Headteacher Consultant strengthens our bid and is essential in building the Trust effectively from a secondary Multi-Academy Trust to a one supporting primary schools within a local context.

The length of service that Helen and I bring makes this proposal a unique and strong opportunity.

We are excited about this opportunity, and believe that as an established secondary MAT with we have the capacity to respond to change and support the challenge of the unknown. The SNLP Trust has well established strong relationships with primary schools across the town over many years, and maximises joint practice development opportunities to the benefits of pupils within the new school. We have a clear idea of our local context for learners, and believe that our leadership of the new primary school will offer a seamless journey for learners. We believe that We are in a strong position to set aspirational and appropriate goals for learners as we have a deep understanding of the next stage of their education, and have working relationships with local schools that support primary colleagues to understand this.

We believe passionately that investment in primary education will enhance outcomes at secondary phase in St Neots.

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