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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dear Stakeholder

**Re: Middlesbrough Co-operative Learning Trust**

The Governing Bodies of the seven schools named above are considering Foundation School status and becoming a Trust with 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 as the proposed implementation date. Trust schools are a new kind of school – part of the local authority system, but supported by a charitable trust which will appoint some of the governors. The Governing Body will continue to run the school and be responsible for its performance. It is not proposed to change staffing arrangements as part of these proposals.

We believe that we would have a greater capacity for school improvement by working more collaboratively with partners. The proposed Trust will enable the schools to benefit from the skills of our partners, and other stakeholders, to deliver enhanced learning. By acquiring a mutual co-operative trust, supported by a range of partners and stakeholders who are united behind our vision, we hope to not only transform the life chances of every child that passes through our school, but to have lasting positive impact on the wider community as well. We aim to provide the best education for all children in our area by working together to provide a personalised education for all, as well as promoting community cohesion.

Details of the proposals and the dates and times of consultation meetings can be found in the leaflet which accompanies this letter. You are invited to attend the **public meeting which will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 5.30 to 6:30pm**. The meeting will be at Middlesbrough Teaching and Learning Centre

We hope that you will contribute your views to the consultation. Details of how to make comments on the proposals are contained in the leaflet. A **Response Form has also been distributed with this letter**.

More detail about our proposals is contained in **Booklet One: Public Consultation**. You may also want to read **Booklet Two: Questions and Answers** which provides a series of commonly asked questions together with answers which have been collated from the Department for Education (DfE) sources.

Copies of **Booklet One** and of **Booklet Two** and the **Response Form** can be obtained from the individual schools or downloaded from the school websites.

Yours sincerely,

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