



Coastal Alliance  
Co-operative Trust



Standing Together – Together Outstanding

On 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016, the inaugural meeting of the Board of the Coastal Alliance Co-operative Trust took place. Along with the vast majority of local schools, our school has become a member of the Trust.

**Our rationale for doing so was as follows:**

We want to continue to raise expectations and standards in the school and improve the future prospects for all of our learners.

1. To do this - with the many changes taking place in education - we need to build strong partnerships and make our school improvement planning more sustainable.
2. We believe that to meet the needs of our community, we can achieve more through formal education partnerships, than we will be able to by working alone.
3. The Coastal Alliance Co-operative Trust establishes a formal partnership with local schools and allows us to work with other co-operative schools across the country.
4. The rationale for acquiring the Trust, the contribution it makes, and the direction it provides to the schools can be summarised as follows:

The Trust builds on the existing relationship between local schools and supports the schools in seeking to:

- Improve the quality of learning and teaching
  - Improve the wellbeing and behaviour of our young people
  - Enhance capacity by sharing resources and expertise
  - Improve value for money in a time of real terms reduction in funding
  - Support and develop current and future leaders
5. Please note: The governing body continues to run the school, handle the school budget and be responsible for the performance of the school. The Trust provides additional resources and expertise.

## Shared Values

**The Co-operative values are: Self help; self responsibility; democracy; equality; equity; and solidarity.**

As members of the Coastal Alliance Co-operative Trust, we work to embody these values at trust and school level.

Members of the Trust will therefore:

- Give equal value to all our members and all our young people. (Equality)
- Have a responsibility to help other schools. (Self help)
- Be accountable for our own actions. (Self responsibility)
- Abide by democratic principles and give a voice to the Whitstable and Herne Bay community and young people. (Democracy)
- Have to make a positive contribution to the trust and local community. (Equity)
- Have to support and improve all our schools by working together. (Solidarity)

Members of the Trust are as follows:-

Primary schools (Trust Schools in bold)	Other Partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Briary Primary School</b></li><li>• <b>Joy Lane Primary, Nursery School and Oysters SRP (ASD)</b></li><li>• <b>Swalecliffe Community Primary School</b></li><li>• <b>Whitstable Junior School</b></li><li>• Herne Bay Infant School</li><li>• Herne Bay Junior School</li><li>• Herne CE Infant &amp; Nursery School</li><li>• Herne CE Junior School</li><li>• Reculver CE Primary School</li><li>• St Alphege CE Infant School</li><li>• St Marys Catholic Primary School</li><li>• Westmeads Community Infant School</li><li>• Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed CE Junior School</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• East Kent Learning Alliance</li><li>• Coastal Children's Centres</li><li>• Herne Bay &amp; Whitstable Nursery Collaborative Representative</li><li>• Canterbury Christ Church University</li><li>• Co-operative Schools Network</li><li>• Herne Bay High School</li></ul>