

Greenshaw Trust is potential sponsor for new secondary school

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The Governing Body of Greenshaw has agreed to put the Greenshaw Trust forward as potential sponsor for the new secondary school that will need to be built in Sutton to meet the demand for school places.

Mike Cooper, Chair of Governors said: ‘Sutton needs a new secondary school and work needs to start quickly to ensure it is built on time. Greenshaw’s governors have carefully considered the issues and the options around the establishment of a new secondary school, and we believe we are best placed to ensure the new school is successful and we want to impart much of what is good about Greenshaw into the new school. We have taken care to satisfy ourselves that our involvement in the new school would not be detrimental to Greenshaw - we believe it would benefit Greenshaw.’

Greenshaw has been approved by the Department for Education to be a sponsor of both secondary and primary schools – that means that the Trust has the skills and the capacity needed to support other schools that need help and to set up new schools.

Sutton Council predicts that 20 additional forms of entry will be required by 2017, and that this will require both the expansion of existing schools and a new secondary school. Under government rules, any new school would have to be a sponsored academy or free school. All Sutton secondary schools have joined together to state that their preferred option would be for the new school to be developed within the Partnership and sponsored by Greenshaw.

As a school sponsored by Greenshaw, the new school would be a non-selective, mixed school for local children; it would be separate from Greenshaw High School, but under the ‘umbrella’ of the Greenshaw Trust.

To be able to take on the establishment of the new school, the Greenshaw Trust is reconstituting itself as a Multi Academy Trust. A Multi Academy Trust is a charitable company, established for the purpose of managing academy schools, with a single Board of Directors for the whole Trust, and separate local governing bodies for each academy within the Trust – ie Greenshaw and any other schools that join or that the Trust sets up.
