



## Consultation – The Promise Co-operative School

1 November 2021

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust (DMAT) is delighted to launch its consultation in relation to its new special free school, The Promise Co-operative School, which will cater for learners from the ages of 4-16 with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs.

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust was established in 2018 and operates a family of 17 primary and secondary schools in Devon. The Trust is passionate not only about recognising and meeting needs in the region, but truly impacting the life chances of children and young people across Devon. The new free school will impact positively not just on the learners and young people who access it, but the schools, and communities from which they are drawn.

As part of process of opening a new school, we are required to hold a consultation exercise (under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010) to consult on whether there is support for Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education to operate The Promise Co-operative School. The consultation is not related to any building or planning applications surrounding the new school.

This consultation will allow parents and/or carers, pupils, staff and governors, local authority representatives, local councillors and other elected representatives, local residents, businesses, health care professionals and any other interested parties to learn more about The Promise Co-operative School and to share their views.

This is an exciting time for all of us as we embark upon this journey to open a brand-new specialist provision. It will provide opportunities for us to build on the strengths and experiences of our community, in collaboration with schools within our Trust and more widely.

The consultation period will run from 1 November 2021 to 13 December 2021.

### Public consultation events:

All interested parties are warmly invited to attend our public consultation events, to meet us and find out more information. Further information is below:

Date and time: 15 November 2021 4pm-6pm  
Location: St James C of E Primary & Nursery School, Fort Road, off Crediton Road, Okehampton, EX20 1GJ

Date and time: 16 November 2021 4pm-6pm  
Location: St James C of E Primary & Nursery School, Fort Road, off Crediton Road, Okehampton, EX20 1GJ

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**Consultation website:**

You can find out further information via website: [www.dartmoormat.org.uk/consultations](http://www.dartmoormat.org.uk/consultations)

**How to respond and give your views:**

We are keen to ensure that we deliver a school that meets local needs and requirements and we welcome your views. There are a number of ways to provide feedback:

- Our online questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/r/nyJr6pg6D3>
- By writing to us: New School Consultation, C/O Holsworthy Community College Business Centre, Victoria Hill, Holsworthy; Devon, EX22 6JD
- By emailing us at [NewSchool@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:NewSchool@dmatschools.org.uk)

Thank you, in advance, for your engagement.

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