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Windsor Learning Partnership

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Dedworth Green First School and Dedworth Middle School to join Windsor Learning Partnership

The Department for Education has approved an application from Dedworth Green First School and Dedworth Middle School to become academies and join Windsor Learning Partnership (WLP). This will expand WLP to four schools. The Dedworth schools are expected to become formally part of WLP in April 2016.

This is a significant and positive development for learning in Windsor. It will help to provide a strengthened approach to education across our community. A central part of the Trust's purpose is to build a community of successful schools in Windsor centred on the values of comprehensive, inclusive education. It believes greater collaboration is crucial to building good schools in the future. The expansion of WLP to include Dedworth Green First School and Dedworth Middle School means the Trust will encompass all learning stages through ages 3 to 18. This will facilitate work to improve experiences and outcomes for pupils, particularly in learning stages that straddle schools phases (Key Stages 2 & 3), a particular feature of the Windsor school system and an important priority for WLP.

Gill Labrum, Chief Executive of WLP and Headteacher of Windsor Girls' School said:
"When WLP was established we said that we wanted it to be a trust that worked across Windsor and ensured that all students achieve their potential. It is essential that schools collaborate within the three tier structure, and our discussions with Dedworth Green and Dedworth Middle have already shown a number of areas where collaboration will benefit students. We are looking to the future with real confidence and a shared objective of excellence."

Andrew Wardlow, Chair of WLP Board of Trustees said:
"We are delighted that the Dedworth schools are joining us. A key aim of the Trust is to bring about greater collaboration across schools in Windsor. This decision allows our schools to progress that work within one organisation with a shared common purpose. There are many factors, local and national, that shape and impact our schools. WLP is committed to building an organisation that ensures schools across the Windsor area are better together than as individual schools or as part of more distant, larger trusts."

Louise Brown, Acting Headteacher at Dedworth Green First School said:
"This proposal is about enabling local schools to work closely together to support families and children, from age 3 to 18. Pupils in all the schools in Windsor Learning Partnership will benefit from this collaboration. We are excited about the opportunities this will provide for staff across all WLP schools to share and develop their expertise."



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Stuart Muir, Headteacher at Dedworth Middle School said:

“Joining WLP allows us to retain our role as local community schools while also being part of a larger organisation. We already work closely with Dedworth Green and the Girls’ and Boys’ schools and this will allow us all to further improve curriculum planning and transition between schools. At a time when Government is encouraging schools to become academies, working more closely with other local schools in a Windsor-focused academy trust is in the best interests of our community.”

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Notes for editors

Windsor Learning Partnership – a multi-academy trust – was formed in March 2015. It currently consists of Windsor Girls’ School and The Windsor Boys’ School.

WLP will cover four schools representing over 2,000 pupils from age 3 to 18 following the incorporation of Dedworth Green First School and Dedworth Middle School.

Further information about WLP including its vision statement and strategic priorities for 2015/16 can be found on school websites at:

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