

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is made between the schools listed in the Appendix (“the Schools”) (1) and Rotherham Borough Council of Council Offices, Doncaster Gate, Rotherham S1 1DJ (“the Council”) (2).

In this memorandum of understanding, the Schools and the Council are collectively referred to as the School Improvement Partnership or “SIP”.

**The Schools and the Council** agree as follows –

1. The School Improvement Partnership will continue to adhere to the Transforming Rotherham Learning principles and endeavour to achieve the following core objectives (“the Objectives”), namely –
  - a. all students making at least good progress;
  - b. no underperforming cohorts; and
  - c. all teachers delivering at least good learning; and all schools moving to at least the next level of successful performance.
2. The SIP will focus exclusively on improvement and transformation and work together to build the necessary sustainable capacity and capability required to achieve the Objectives.
3. The Council’s contribution to the SIP and the achievement of the Objectives will primarily be through the School Effectiveness Service.
4. The Schools will pool certain of their resources for the purpose of delivering the Objectives, which for the 2011/12 academic year will include –
  - a. DSG Funding (£750,000 minimum);
  - b. the Endowment Fund;
  - c. Teaching Schools (at least one in each of primary, special and secondary phases);
  - d. SES personnel, e.g. secondary and primary consultant headteachers, data manager and business manager;
  - e. additional contributions from Schools; and
  - f. income generation.
5. A strategic governance group (“the SGG”) shall be formed, comprised of 6 – 8 headteachers, including a Teaching School headteacher or headteachers, 2 Consultant headteachers and the Strategic Director of Children and Young People’s Services.
6. The SGG will consider and approve or reject recommendations from the Schools for priorities linked to the Objectives, and the SGG will monitor and evaluate progress on achievement of approved priorities.

7. The SIP may invite persons, organisations and bodies to join the SIP where the SIP considers their membership would assist in the achievement of the Objectives.
8. The work of the SGG will be presented to headteacher meetings, the School Forum and other groups as the SGG consider appropriate.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURES

**THE APPENDIX**

**THE SCHOOLS**

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