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## *Memorandum of Understanding*

This Memorandum of Understanding (the Memorandum) is made by and between \*\*\*\*\* for the purpose of achieving the aims and purpose detailed with the Memorandum.

### *Background*

The schools comprising \*\*\*\*\* have sought a framework upon which to formalise collaborative working relationships and, the guiding principles by which the schools agree to co-operate. Following the exploration of various frameworks, the Memorandum is the agreed mechanism by which \*\*\*\*\* will formalise working arrangements.

### *Aims and Purpose*

The purpose of the Memorandum is to provide the framework by which collaboration between the schools comprising \*\*\*\*\* can operate. Fundamental to this framework is establishing a firm basis upon which to build collaborative working relationships, but equally, to guarantee the long term future of \*\*\*\*\*.

Through collaboration \*\*\*\*\* aim to achieve the following:

- *Excellence* – by working together to achieve the best outcomes for all children
- *Partnership* – each school being committed to working together for the mutual benefit of all members, to share good practice and profit from each other's strengths
- *Individuality* – each school having the right to maintain its autonomy and unique character, but to be empowered by its membership to \*\*\*\*\*

### *Co-operation*

Collaborative working within \*\*\*\*\* will include, but not be limited to:

- a. developing a strategic approach to professional development to promote the best possible standards of teaching and learning for each school
- b. developing mechanisms for the sharing of best practice across all levels of school practice e.g. subject leadership meetings
- c. developing mechanisms for shared recruitment and the growth of school leaders
- d. exploring further opportunities to help achieve the best possible outcomes for all children within \*\*\*\*\*

### *Meetings and Reporting*

To accomplish the aims and purpose set forth in the Memorandum, the schools will meet at least once every half-term.

### *Financial Considerations*

Nothing in the Memorandum shall be deemed to be a commitment or obligation of funds from any of the schools named herein. The schools acknowledge that all financial arrangements must be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds.

### *Term of Memorandum and Termination Process*

The memorandum shall commence on [date] and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by mutual consent of those schools comprising \*\*\*\*.

Involvement within the Memorandum may be terminated by an individual school by giving the other schools [notice period?] notice in writing.

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