

Staploe Education Trust

The Staploe Education Trust came into being on 1 December 2012 when Kennett Primary School converted to Academy Status and joined the Soham Village College Academy Trust, which has been formed in April 2011.

The Staploe Education Trust will open the Shade Primary school as an Academy linked in hard federation with Soham Village College (SVC) and its partner primary school, Kennett Primary School. The Staploe Education Trust and its partners are committed to the leadership and management of successful and high-achieving schools in our community.

Soham Village College serves as the secondary school for the children of St Andrew's V.C primary school in Soham and of Fordham and Isleham V.C primary schools. Burwell Village College (Primary) feeds into Bottisham Village College and Soham Village College. Soham Village College admits c. 30% students from primary schools outside its catchment area.

Our schools work in very close partnership and are now known as the Staploe Schools Partnership.

Staploe Schools Partnership: Mission and values

Excellence through partnership: achievement, care and opportunity for all

- The Partnership exists to serve all its schools.
- The purpose of the Partnership is to ensure outstanding learning, opportunity and care for all pupils in well-managed schools
- The Partnership seeks to preserve and encourage the development of schools with separate identities and distinctive features, reflecting the needs of the very local community and the vision of their local governing bodies and staff
- The Partnership seeks to improve outcomes for all our young people through developing research based best practice. It values a culture of sharing that practice both within partnership of schools and beyond

The Partnership Schools will work together to

- Deliver high and improving standards in all its schools
- Ensure that vulnerable pupils have access to the most effective support and interventions so that pupils in receipt of Free School Meals and those with Special educational Needs achieve in line with their peers
- Create cohesive and strong local communities where they serve and to actively promote equality
- Provide outstanding value for money through efficient school management and excellent outcomes for young people

Our partnership offers:

- A range of expertise across diverse primary and secondary phase schools to lead the development of an outstanding curriculum, teaching and learning and special needs
- A secure history of shared working to support young people upon transition and through the provision of summer schools, to support vulnerable young people and share intervention to boost achievement for individual pupils who fall behind
- A proven track record of leading successful primary schools and of managing significant school size increase with the attendant business and cultural challenges that presents
- A detailed knowledge and understanding of the local community and the north Soham demographic
- A well-established network of partners working with schools and our excellent Locality Team to deliver a range of extended services in the community The Shade Primary School will serve
- A network for school improvement, drawing upon the best specialist teachers across the schools in our partnership
- A well-established ethos of inclusion and opportunity for all, valuing diversity, mutual respect and community cohesion, including support for the most vulnerable.