



Memorandum of Understanding 2018: Alliance Partner

*The aim of this agreement is to provide all partners of the **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance** with an initial understanding of how the work of the alliance is led and managed; it is subject to annual review. This is not a legal agreement, nor is it binding, but it is the basis of trust and transparency upon which all successful partnership relationships are built.*

Established in 2013, the **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance** is a network of schools representing every phase of our education system, from early years to year 13. Our system leadership team has a successful reputation for effective outreach development.

Barrow CEVC Primary is the lead school in the **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance**.

Our core purpose:

We are an outward facing partnership committed to growing talent and improving conditions for learning so that schools within and beyond our alliance achieve the best possible outcomes for their pupils and improve the life chances of every learner.

Our shared aims:

ITT: to provide a personalised programme, delivered by excellent classroom practitioners developing successful, highly motivated teachers for the future.

CPD and leadership: to share best practice and provide bespoke high-quality CPD and leadership development which inspires, challenges and motivates.

School to school support: to build capacity, support the development of self-improving school systems and improve the quality of teaching and learning in order to secure better outcomes for all learners.

Research and Development: to encourage school-based research and develop a reflective approach to the improvement of teaching and learning, with robust, practical outcomes.

Talent management and succession planning: to develop the strengths, resources and creativity of all our teachers by recognising excellence, encouraging Alliance members to aspire to even greater achievement and supporting career progression.

The **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance** will be led by a **strategic group** to ensure:

- the formulation of an Alliance action plan
- compliance with National College and/or Department for Education requirements
- progress towards meeting all the Key Performance Indicators
- appropriate confidentiality is secured.

Becoming an Alliance Partner entails and signing this memorandum of understanding, is an active expression of interest in the work of the **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance**. This expression of interest indicates an intention to

benefit from the work of the **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance** and, as capacity allows, to contribute to its scope and influence.

The responsibility of the lead school is to:

- Lead the Alliance.
- Grow the Alliance.
- Act as a channel for communication so that information and ideas are communicated to all Alliance partners.
- Bid for funding.
- Encourage Alliance Partners to take a co-ordination or lead role to strengthen the Alliance.
- Ensure ITT recruitment and place trainees where they are able to learn from the best teachers locally, have high quality coaching and mentoring and are supported by a range of experiences which their needs.
- Ensure **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance** CPD programmes are of a high quality and meet the needs of schools in the alliance and further afield.
- Ensure Specialist Leaders of Education are designated and deployed in order to improve student outcomes.
- Broker leaders at all levels who are able to provide effective professional development and school to school support.
- Encourage action research and innovation.

The responsibility of Alliance Partners is to:

- Appoint an operational lead as the main contact for all communications.
- Keep the lead school informed of school developments in relation to our shared aims.
- Participate in reciprocal activities such as hosting visitors and offering training.
- Contribute to the recruitment and delivery of our ITT programme as capacity allows.
- Provide school-to-school and intervention support to other schools within the partnership as capacity allows.
- Participate in the marketing of the **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance** by distributing flyers, promoting events and information provided by the lead school.
- Have a clear link to the **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance** (www.connectedtsa.org) on the school's website.
- Gain formal support for the partnership from the relevant governing body.
- Share relevant school data with the lead school.

Signing the memorandum of understanding is a commitment to becoming an Alliance Partner of the **ConnectED Teaching School Alliance**.

Alliance Partners agree to maintain professional confidentiality

On behalf of the ConnectED Teaching School Alliance:

Signed

Name and role

Date

Alliance Partner

School.....

Name and role

Signed

Name of governor.....

Signature of governor.....

Date