



## **AGREEMENT FOR “FORMAL COLLABORATION” BETWEEN SCHOOLS WITHIN THE PEAK EDGE GROUP OF SCHOOLS.**

### **Purpose and Definition**

The Peak Edge Group of schools (PEGS) are a group of schools working in a formal collaborative partnership to serve the High Peak area in Derbyshire.

These schools are:

HAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEW MILLS HIGH SCHOOL  
THORNSETT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEW MILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEW MILLS NURSERY SCHOOL  
ST GEORGE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HAGUE BAR PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FURNESS VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
COMBS INFANT SCHOOL  
BUXWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

This partnership exists to improve educational outcomes for the young people in our community. Its formation builds on a history of successful, informal collaborative working between the schools concerned.

This agreement transfers no powers away from the governing body of any of the schools concerned, nor will it alter any individual school’s ethos.

This collaboration agreement, established in September 2015 for one year, was reviewed and augmented in March 2016.

### **Aims**

The aims of PEGS are to:

build our capacity to raise standards of teaching and learning for all pupils in all our schools aged 3 - 18 through:

- offering high quality, inclusive and enriching learning experiences
- creating a supportive, collaborative community that promotes professional development
- driving improvement in all our schools, creating a strong culture of collective responsibility
- using the economies of scale of PEGS to achieve cost effective services, including training and development and maximise use of resources.

### **Governance and Management**

In place of a Strategic Board, the following model was agreed: *(copy from Ashley)*

### **Jointly Employed Staff**

It is not possible for the group of schools to employ staff directly.

It is possible to make an agreement to share a member of staff employed by one school with the others in the group in return for reimbursement of costs (this is the arrangement that already operates successfully to maintain SSCo provision).

### **Administrative Support**

It is proposed to employ, subject to the approach in the paragraph above, joint administrative support for the group of schools. This may be a new employee or additional hours for an employee already employed in one of the schools.

This “PEGS Clerk” would be required to:

- Ensure that all meetings and joint events are calendared.
- Send out invitations to meetings and joint events.
- Compile and send out agendas for meetings.
- Ensure that minutes are produced distributed and filed for all meetings.
- Oversee financial arrangements

### **Head teacher Group**

The Head teacher Group will consist of the head teacher of each of the schools concerned, and will meet six times per year.

The Head teacher Group will be responsible for the day to day leadership of the partnership.

### **Working Groups**

Some working groups will have the role of “standing committees”; others will be set up in response to a particular issue, or to meet the requirements of specific objectives detailed in the action plan.

Current working groups are:

EYFS	RC/CI
Mathematics	AK/LM
English	CF
Science	CW
SEN	SK
Y6/7 teachers	DMcG
Safeguarding/CP	MB
Governors	AP
Admin staff	SB

(John Mollard Jen Rackstraw and all other HT ‘go to’ roles tbc)

Each working group will be supported by a nominated Head teacher – see above. Meetings will take place in line with the agreed calendar.

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