

Forest Learning Alliance Membership 2017/18 and Memorandum of Understanding

The aim of this agreement is to provide all members and partners of this Alliance with an understanding of how the work of the Teaching School will be led and managed. It is anticipated that this agreement will develop over time as the Teaching School Alliance evolves.

The Forest Learning Alliance is committed to ensuring the highest possible standards of education for all pupils in its schools. Our aim is to achieve this through school-to-school support and professional development at every level. We would like to invite schools (all phases and all areas) to become part of our Alliance and benefit from working alongside each other, sharing expertise and skills within an honest and open culture as part of a school-led, self improving school system.

Benefits of joining the alliance include:

Free access to the School Direct programme led by FLA (£450 admin fee for non-members)	✓
Reduced rate CPD - often 50% reduction on non-member rate <i>(95% of FLA CPD rated good/outstanding 2016-17)</i>	✓
Reduction on RRP for nationally organised courses e.g. Olevi's Improving Teacher Programme	✓
Access to grant funded training e.g. 2 day Middle Leader training – FREE (June 2017) <i>(FLA secured £42,000 NCTL grant for leadership training in the South East region 2016-18)</i>	✓
Bespoke inset/CPD/twilights in your own school or cluster	✓
4 FLA organised inset days to choose from <i>(whole school attendance heavily discounted)</i>	✓
Access to School-to-School Support – some fully funded with DfE grants <i>(FLA applies for grants and has experience of bid writing)</i>	✓
Access to Specialist Leaders of Education (SLEs) and Local Leaders of Education (LLEs) to support and help your own school improvement plans.	✓
Access to an interactive website, where courses can be booked online. Also full-time telephone administration and information support.	✓
Opportunities to participate in fully-funded Research and Development projects	✓
Involvement in working groups and innovative projects	✓
Termly alliance meetings. Keeping you informed of new developments, both locally and nationally. Collaborating and sharing good practice and new ideas. Your involvement plays a significant part in the work and the success of the alliance.	✓

Membership fees for academic year 2017/18 - £75 – please make cheques payable to Upland Primary School

Accountability and Governance

The Teaching School will organise termly alliance meetings for members to ensure the FLA:

- complies with National College and Department for Education requirements
- works hard to meet the needs of all its members
- achieves its aim, 'all alliance schools are good schools and all alliance teachers are good teachers'

This group will help ensure there is formal accountability for the work, impact and finances of the Teaching School Alliance together with the governing body of Uplands Primary School.

All members are expected to attend and/or send a representative.

Teaching School Executive Headteacher

Uplands Primary School is the designated Teaching School and lead school for the alliance. Therefore, the Teaching School Executive Headteacher will:

- be operational lead for the alliance and take overall responsibility
- take line management responsibility for all teaching school employees
- commit to meeting regularly with the TSBM and TSAO to drive forward the work of the alliance and to evaluate its impact
- provide a termly report to the Governing Body of Uplands Primary School
- provide a Strategic Plan for the TS and update termly

All Alliance Members

All members will:

- work collaboratively and inclusively to achieve the aims and objectives of the alliance
- adopt, where appropriate, any policies developed
- consider the involvement of the alliance in school improvement planning
- support the alliance by implementing any agreed actions
- subject to capacity, supply system leaders to support the alliance
- explain and promote the work of the alliance to non-alliance schools and providers
- respect the sensitive nature of some of the alliance's work and maintain confidentiality
- understand the need to work with strategic partners to quality assure the work of the alliance
- have the option of a visit from a Teaching School Consultant to review individual schools needs and strengths as a member of the Alliance.



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Membership Form 2017/18

By signing this agreement, we agree to the above memorandum of understanding and to pay the membership fees as stated above.

On behalf of:	Forest Learning Alliance
Date:	
Sign:	

Alliance Partner

Name:	
Position:	
School:	
Email contact:	
Date:	
Signature	

Please return this form to Catrin Powell cpowell@uplandsprimary.org