

# Supporting Trust & Foundation Schools



## Why should a business get involved?

'Trust and Foundation status allows schools to build long lasting relationships with a range of partners including businesses, higher education institutions, charities and community groups. These partners bring a wealth of experience and skills to Trust schools, helping to enrich the curriculum, raise attainment and improve the life chances of pupils.'

Lord Andrew Adonis  
Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Schools and Learners

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‘Microsoft is supporting Trust Schools as we see them as a natural way to ensure appropriate business involvement in education. In Microsoft’s case they are an opportunity to demonstrate how technology can support the process of teaching and learning as well helping students acquire the skills they need to succeed in the 21st century knowledge based economy.’ Stephen Uden, Head of Citizenship, Microsoft Public Sector

## What is a Trust School?

A Trust School is a state-funded primary, secondary or special school supported by a charitable trust. The charitable trust is made up of one or more schools supported by a range of external partners that can include businesses, charities, universities and colleges. The Trust appoints governors to the school governing body and supports the school in a variety of ways to provide new opportunities for young people.

Trust Schools capture the energy, enthusiasm and fresh-thinking of their partners for long-term benefit, not just short-term impact.

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Key benefits to businesses choosing to partner with a Trust School include:

- Opportunities to engage with your local community, sharing expertise and skills with local schools
- Engaging with young people and potential employees of the future
- Opportunities to be associated with raising educational standards and achievements
- Excellent media and corporate social responsibility opportunities associated with supporting the school
- Improved staff morale through demonstrable commitment to the local community
- Developing relationships that can enhance long-term brand recognition
- Involvement in a stable and enduring partnership that will benefit the school and future generations of learners
- Opportunities to put in place a coordinated approach to involvement with education
- Trust School partners, including businesses, are not required to make a financial contribution to a Trust School

## How do businesses work with Trust Schools?

Each Trust School is unique. Businesses and schools work together to build a partnership to create the most effective Trust. The level of involvement that a business has with a Trust School is dependent upon the needs of the school, and the resources available.

## Trust Schools – a practical example

A national construction company is the Trust School partner for a large secondary school. The business brings specific expertise in helping young people at the school develop skills in construction whilst broadening an understanding of the industry and addressing skills shortages in the wider community. As a Trust member the business also supports the school by appointing governors to the school governing body. Utilising the expertise of the business allows the school to develop their key strengths in teaching construction, technology and engineering.

## How can I find out more?

The Trust and Foundation Schools Partnership (TFSP) can provide information on facts about Trust schools, support in developing and establishing links between schools and suitable business partner/s, case studies on Trust school business partners and the role and responsibilities of trustees.

The TFSP is a partnership between The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT), The Youth Sport Trust (YST) and The Foundation and Aided Schools National Association (FASNA).

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