

## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **Victor Seymour Infants School decides to join the Greenshaw Learning Trust**

The Greenshaw Learning Trust is pleased to announce that Victor Seymour Infants School in Carshalton has decided that they want to become an academy and join the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

Mike Cooper, Chair of the Greenshaw Learning Trust said:

“We are delighted that another local primary school will be joining our Trust, alongside Green Wrythe Primary that joined last April.”

“Victor Seymour is a popular school, rated ‘good’ by Ofsted, that will bring its energy and expertise to contribute to our family of schools.”

“This is an important step in the planned development of the Trust, bringing together a community of schools that want to collaborate for the benefit of all their students and staff.”

The Governing Body of Victor Seymour Infants has been considering their options for the long-term future of their school and concluded that in the Greenshaw Learning Trust they have found the right partner to provide further opportunities for their pupils and staff, and to share their knowledge and skills with other schools.

The Greenshaw Learning Trust will be working with the school to set out details of their proposals and to consult with stakeholders in January. Further information will be issued and posted on the Trust website in due course.

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Notes to the editor follow

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Victor Seymour Infants School is a 3 form entry infants school in Carshalton. The school is successful and popular, and rated 'good' by Ofsted.  
[www.victorseymourinfants.co.uk](http://www.victorseymourinfants.co.uk).

Victor Seymour will maintain its existing character and ethos, will not change its name or admission arrangements, and will maintain terms and conditions for its staff. All the schools in the Trust will gain from close collaboration with and support from each other and benefit from economies of scale.

The Governing Body of Victor Seymour, in collaboration with the Greenshaw Learning Trust, will be consulting staff, parents and other stakeholders in the new year. The school and the Trust will be working with the Department for Education and local councils to make the necessary arrangements for the school to become an academy and join the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

The Greenshaw Learning Trust is an established academy trust responsible for running Greenshaw High School in Sutton, Green Wrythe Primary School in Carshalton and Edenham High School in Shirley. The Trust has proven skills, experience and capacity that have been endorsed by the Department for Education; and has been given approval for its proposal to open a new secondary school in Sutton in 2017. The Brakenhale School in Bracknell, Berkshire, announced last week that it was proposing to join the Greenshaw Learning Trust in the Spring of 2016.