

Marland School is a member of the SENTient Trust, a cooperative trust set up in 2012. In addition to Marland, the Trust includes the other 9 special schools in Devon: Barley Lane, Bidwell Brook, Ellen Tinkham, Lampard, Mill Water, Oaklands Park, Pathfield, Ratcliffe, Southbrook and Atkinson as a partner school. In addition, the other Partners are Devon County Council and the Co-Operative College.

As a Co-Operative educational Trust, SENTient supports the Co-Operative Principles of:

- Self-help
- Self-responsibility
- Democracy
- Equality
- Equity
- Solidarity
- Honesty
- Openness
- Caring for others.

SENTient as a trust has a focus on raising standards of attainment, improving achievement and outcomes for children and young people, and working with our wider community to improve community cohesion. However, the overall responsibility for any school's performance continues to lie with that school's Governing Body.

SENTient Trust Forum

One of the benefits of forming a Co-Operative Trust is the opportunity for interested parties to have a positive, constructive say in how the Trust is run by means of a Members Forum. The Members who can make up such a Forum include Pupils, Parents / Carers, Staff and Local Community members. By forming such a representative body, the Trust and its Trustees can engage more fully with the people who are important to the Schools and their pupils.

As a Member you can:

- Help to shape the Trust
- Get involved as much or as little as you want
- Attend the AGM
- Elect some Trustees
- Help our Schools
- Receive information about how the Trust is doing

For a Membership Form please contact Lisa Key (SENTient Trust Administrator) by emailing:

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