

Marland School

Marland School is a member of the SENTient Trust, a multi-school Co-operative Foundation Trust set up in 2012. SENTient comprises of 6 maintained special schools in Devon: Marland, Barley Lane, Bidwell Brook, Ellen Tinkham, Pathfield and Southbrook. In addition, the Atkinson Secure Children's Home School and Devon Hospital School Service are associate members. Additional partners include Devon County Council and the Co-operative College. As a Co-op educational Trust, SENTient supports the mutual 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. Also working within the wider community to improve community cohesion. The overall responsibility for any school's performance continues to lie with each member school's respective 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 make up such a Forum include Pupils, Parents / Carers, Staff and Local Community members. The purpose of this representative body is to support the Trust and its Trustees to engage more fully with its stakeholders:

- Help to shape the Trust
- Get involved as much or as little as you want
- Attend the AGM
- Elect some Trustees
- Help our Schools