



## **The Oak Academy Trust**

### **Collaboration**

#### **A reflection of The Oak Academy Trust's Information Sharing Event - June 2016**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, The Oak Academy Trust held its first information sharing event. The event was attended by 6 schools from around the county of West Sussex and included both Headteachers and members of their Governing Bodies. The purpose of the event was to share our journey as a Trust through pre- conversion, conversion and into our first exciting year.

The discussion was both dynamic and enlightening and provided for all who attended opportunities to dig, delve and develop. Representatives from all stakeholders at Barnham Primary School spoke about their experiences and explored with the group how conversion had impacted positively upon the school, staff and the children. The group had opportunity to discuss their own journeys, thoughts and feelings, ranging from philosophical and educational challenges to operational issues and complexities.

Throughout the evening 2 threads evolved which ran through the centre of the discussions and the event itself:

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At the core of all that we do in education are our children and whilst we may all be following slightly different routes to achieve success for them, the more that we can share together, learn from and collaborate on, the more successful we will be in meeting the needs of all our children and communities.

Wednesday night showed the desire in schools to collaborate proactively, purposefully and with clarity in order to grow and develop in a mature and responsible manner. Designing together a new way which has honesty and openness as key values.

We are pleased that we were able to provide a platform for this to take place and are looking forward to new possibilities and opportunities for collaboration as journey of The Oak Academy Trust continues.

