

Academies Trust

What makes a Co-op Academy different?

We're really proud that the Co-op Academies Trust is different to every other multi-academy trust.

Our values guide us in our decision-making and all that we do.

Everyone in the Trust honours our commitment to the 'Ways of Being Co-op'. They are our DNA. They represent our culture and are reflected in our decision-making. No matter what we do, they are how we do it:

Do What Matters Most

Be Yourself, Always

Show You Care

Succeed Together



We have great things happening across our Trust! Scan the QR code to find out more.



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Our Trust

Through a great education, we are changing the lives of young people.

From ages 3-19, Co-op Academies Trust supports students across the North of England. We give young people the skills and experiences they need to succeed, no matter where they come from.

We work with academies to empower teachers and young people to work together for a better education and a better community.



Our Team

We're a vibrant Trust made up of talented and committed colleagues.

Alongside the huge talent in our academies, our central team brings a wealth of experience and knowledge.

The Trust's central team includes people who have been successful school leaders, former Senior HMI and Ofsted inspectors, and experts in finance, governance, HR, IT and marketing.



Our Sponsor

What makes our Trust unique is that we are sponsored by the Co-op Group.

This means that we benefit from the expertise that has helped Co-op become one of the most successful businesses in the country.

The Co-op dates back to 1844. It's recognised for its social goals and community-led programmes. Education was one of the Co-op's founding principles and the *Rochdale Pioneers* were committed to developing educational opportunities. From 1850 to 1855 a school for young people was established, and more advanced classes were given to adults in Rochdale.

The development of education has continued ever since.

How Co-op support the Trust

1 In 2010, the Co-op first got involved in the government's academies programme

Since then, our Trust has grown and our relationship with the Co-op is even closer. In 2018, the Co-op 'turbocharged' our schools by investing £3.6m

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Co-op supported young people with:

- over £2.7m worth of food vouchers for vulnerable students
- laptops for students who didn't have devices to learn from home
- three reusable face masks for every student in the Trust

In 2021, they developed a collaboration between Kellogg's and our academies.

The sales of cereal in Co-op stores funded breakfast clubs in our schools

In 2023, seven tonnes of food was delivered V to academies in Leeds to support vulnerable families over the winter months

In 2024, they announced a £1m funding commitment to our schools.

How does the school benefit from being part of the Trust?

The school is part of a network of schools that share the same values. We provide lots of support to academies, so that they can provide the best education for your child.

We provide:

- training and development for teachers and support staff
- back office support (e.g. Governance, Finance, HR etc)
- support for school leaders

How do your children benefit from being part of our Trust?

Alongside a carefully crafted curriculum, children also benefit from enrichment experiences and opportunities that focus on raising aspirations. Students take part in frequent Trust-wide sporting events and gain access to resources and initiatives supported by the Co-op Group. They attend events at our headquarters in Manchester, such as:

- Annual Eco Conference
- Maths Olympics
- Co-op Young Leaders programme