**APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHOOL AT LAND AT**

**COMEYTROWE, TAUNTON**

**Overview**

This application form should be used, in conjunction with the published specification for the new school and the ‘free school presumption’ advice, to apply for a new school via the presumption route – i.e. where a local authority has invited proposals to open a new school. This new school would be deemed a free school. You should use this form to provide all the necessary information and evidence for your proposal.

If you would like further information or wish to discuss your application, please contact the local authority using the contact details set out in the specification.

Please note that the LA led free school presumption is a different route to the DfE’s free school programme.

**Please return your completed application form to the address set out in the local authority’s specification and within the specified deadline.**

Proposers must be DfE approved sponsors and Somerset will expect the winning sponsor to be a member of a successful Multi-Academy Trust supported by other good/outstanding schools. If you are not already an approved sponsor you will need to separately apply via the formal sponsor approval process. You should contact the DfE about becoming a sponsor before submitting a proposal and you can find out more information at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sponsor-an-academy>.

Please do not embed documents into this application form, supporting documents may be attached as appendices. This opportunity will be listed on the Supplying the South West portal (www.supplyingthe southwest.org.uk). To register click the “Register now” button which will redirect you to a new page welcoming you to ProContract. Registration will be required before the application can be submitted.

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| **Please Note**: Once proposals are submitted to the Department for Education the information provided, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998. |

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| Somerset County Council has chosen to follow the DfE standard scoring and to prioritise some criteria over others. The score for each section will be weighted as follows:- | |
| Each criterion will be scored using a 4 point scale as follows:- | |
| 0 = The evidence and argument contained in the application is ‘inadequate’ | |
| 1 = The evidence and argument contained in the application is ‘adequate’ | |
| 2 = The evidence and argument contained in the application is ‘good’ | |
| 3 = The evidence and argument contained in the application is ‘excellent’ | |
| **Section** | **Weighting** |
| Section B - The School | 0.2 |
| Section C - Vision | 0.125 |
| Section D - Education Plan | 0.3 |
| Section E - Capacity and Capability | 0.25 |
| Section F - Funding and Costs | 0.125 |
| **Total** | **1.00** |

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**COMEYTROWE, TAUNTON**

An application to establish a new primary free school in Comeytrowe, Taunton to open in September 2023.

**SECTION A – APPLICANT DETAILS**

1. Name of organisation

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1. Contact details

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| Name: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Phone number: |  |
| Postal Address: |  |

1. How would you describe your organisation?

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1. When did you become a DfE approved sponsor?

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1. Do you currently run any existing schools, academies or free schools? If so, please give details, including the most recent Ofsted and attainment data for each.

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1. Did you put this application together with support from another company or organisation? And if so, please provide details about this organisation.

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**SECTION B – THE SCHOOL**

Please explain how your organisation’s knowledge and experience of the local area would be used to inform your plans to establish this particular school.

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**SECTION C – VISION**

Please explain your vision and how it meets the requirements in the published specification.

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**SECTION D – EDUCATION PLAN**

Please explain how your educational offer/curriculum plan meets the requirements in the published specification.

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**SECTION E – CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY**

Please explain and provide evidence of how your organisation would meet the requirements in the published specification.

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**SECTION F – FUNDING AND COSTS**

Confirmation that the Proposer will be able to meet the criteria and deliver the school within the costs and timescale stated. Please provide further information and include the financial spreadsheet in the specification (Appendix 6).

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**Declaration**

I declare the information provided above is correct at the time of submission.

I declare I have the authority to sign on behalf of the organisation I am representing.

I am content that the information contained in this application and any supporting paperwork will be shared with members of Somerset County Council, independent auditors, and officers within the DfE and the Regional Schools Commissioner.

I accept on behalf of the organisation I represent the short-listing outcomes and the final decision of the Regional Schools Commissioner.

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| Signed: |  |
| Print name: |  |
| Position in Organisation: |  |
| Date: |  |

Completed applications (using the form provided) should be sent electronically no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 3rd August 2021 via the Supplying the South West portal. Two copies in paper form should also be delivered to County Hall by the same date and time.

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