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CO-OP ACADEMIES JUDGED TO BE ONE OF THE BEST

The Co-op Academies Trust, the one that our academy is part of, is one of the top academy chains in England, according to a new independent study.

The report by the Education Policy Institute (EPI) compares the performance of more than 200 multi academy trusts and all local authorities and shows that the Co-op Trust, which operates 12 academies in the Leeds, Greater Manchester and Stoke-on-Trent areas, is 26th in a league table of 218.

The EPI research looks at both the current performance and rate of improvement of groups of schools, in order to establish the relative impact of different chains and local authorities.

To ensure that comparisons between groups of schools are fair, EPI researchers have used a contextual measure of performance, which seeks to adjust for the different progress and outcomes of pupils with different characteristics.

This makes sure that what is measured is the impact of school quality, rather than the characteristics of school admissions.

Frank Norris, the Director of the Co-op Academies Trust said: "This highly-respected, independent report reflects what we already knew - that our academies offer our students a great education.

"Whilst the authors take into consideration exam results they also measure other important aspects that ensure students receive an all-round education that prepares them for their future.

"It is also very satisfying to know that our trust performs better than almost 90 per cent of all academies and local authorities even though many others operate in more affluent and privileged areas."

The EPI report can found here

<https://epi.org.uk/publications-and-research/performance-academy-local-authorities-2017/>



Operation Encompass

Dear Parent/Carer,

Operation Encompass is a partnership initiative which focuses upon dynamic information sharing between Greater Manchester Police, Oldham Council and Schools. The initiative has been developed following local and national learning about the effects and harm upon children who hear or see domestic violence and abuse within their home.

We all want to ensure children thrive within the school environment and are able to reach their full potential. This initiative will ensure that where there has been a domestic incident within the child's home, this information is shared on a **confidential** basis with the safeguarding lead and other nominated key personnel within the school in order that the child's welfare and overall well-being can be monitored and that there is an offer of support from the partnership for both the child, and other family members who witness or are involved in a domestic violence incident.

This type of initiative has already been successfully adopted in other areas of the country.

Safeguarding of children in Oldham is a priority for us and we thank you in anticipation of your support for this initiative.

Further information about support for persons involved in domestic violence and abuse can be found at www.oldham.gov.uk or www.endthefear.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

For and on behalf of the
Oldham Domestic Violence and Abuse
Partnership