

**3rd February 2025**

**Consultation on the planned merger of Veritas Multi Academy Trust and Rainham Mark Education Trust**

Dear valued partner,

I am writing to update you an exciting proposal we are exploring for the possible merger between Veritas Multi Academy Trust and Rainham Mark Education Trust.

Both trusts have already worked in close collaboration with one another which has delivered strong outcomes, and we believe the prospect of a merger presents a really positive opportunity for our trusts and schools. By coming together as two trusts, which will provide increased capacity and expertise, we strongly believe we can deliver even greater outcomes for our children and young people, staff and communities.

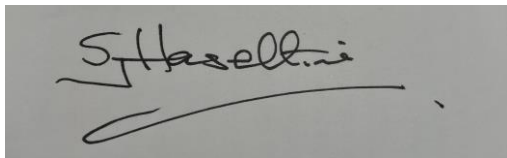
This includes working in increased collaboration to enhance our school improvement capabilities and to help drive forward our teaching excellence in classrooms, in order to deliver the very best educational provision to our students. Similarly, it will enhance the professional development opportunities we can offer, so we can continue to retain and recruit high-quality staff. Joining together as a larger trust will also help support the future sustainability and viability of our trusts and schools.

As the views and feedback of our school communities are hugely important to us, we have developed a consultation through which parents, staff and governors and wider school community members can express their views about the proposed merger. This will run from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, alongside several staff and parent forums, and we will be happy to provide an update on the outcomes of this consultation in due course. Full details of the events and the merger can be found via [our website](#).

Whilst these are currently early considerations and no final decisions have been made, we remain extremely excited about the proposed merger of our two Trusts, and the benefits it will bring for students, staff and the wider school community alike so we look forward to keeping you updated on developments.

We hope this is a helpful update and would like to thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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