

3rd February 2025

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

Dear valued Members, Trustees and Local Academy Committee (LAC) Governors,

We hope you are well and remain grateful for your continued efforts as we settle into the new term.

Further to the letter we shared in December, we wanted to provide an update on the exciting proposal to explore the possible merger between Veritas Multi Academy Trust and Rainham Mark Education Trust.

As shared previously, 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, and will 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 been hard at work developing a consultation through which you can express your views about the proposed merger. We are eager to hear your thoughts and perspectives as part of this process, particularly in relation to governance. The consultation will run from **Monday 3rd February to Thursday 6th March 2025**, and you can access it online here. We encourage you to respond to the consultation and look forward to hearing your feedback.

To support this process, we will be hosting several forums and meetings about this. These events will take place on the following dates and times and you are welcome to attend any of the following:

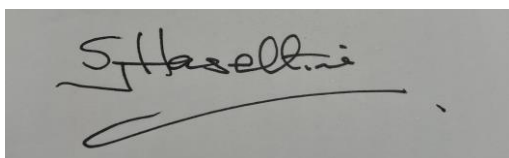
Public / Family Consultation Events	Staff Consultation Events
<p>Event 1 Venue: Pilgrims Way Primary School – 11/2/25 - 5:00pm-6:00pm</p>	<p>Pilgrims Way Primary School – 5/2/25 - 4:30pm-5pm</p>
<p>Event 2 Venue: Warden House Primary School -12/2/25 – 5:30pm-6:30pm</p>	<p>Warden House Primary School - 05/03/25 – TBC 4-5pm (Virtual only)</p>
<p>Event 3: Venue: Mundella Primary School – 4/3/25 – 4:45pm-5:45pm</p>	<p>Teams Virtual meeting – non-teaching / admin / TAs / central 13/2/25 – 2pm-2:45pm</p> <p>Mundella Primary School – 4/3/25 – 3:30pm-4:30pm</p>

We appreciate you may have questions and so we have therefore created an FAQ document [via our website](#) to answer any immediate questions you may have. However, should you have any further questions please do consider attending one of the sessions or reach out directly to mergerconsultation@veritasmulti.co.uk, so we can help.

Whilst these proposals are only in the early stages, and no final decisions have been made, we remain extremely excited about the potential it will deliver for students, staff and the wider school community alike, and so we hope you too feel enthused about these plans.

In the meantime, we wish you all another successful term and we thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration as we explore this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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Simon J Haseltine

Chair of Trust Board, Veritas Multi Academy Trust

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Dr Kerry Jordan-Daus

Chief Executive Officer, Veritas Multi Academy Trust

Interim Chief Executive Officer, Rainham Mark Education Trust