

3rd February 2025

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

Dear Members, Trustees and Academy Committee Members,

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 Rainham Mark Education Trust (RMET) and Veritas Multi Academy 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.

Within proposals, the merger would see each school retain its own academy committees, which you are of course an important part of, and these committees will continue to play a vital role in the success of our 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: [Merger Consultation Feedback Form](#). 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:

Rainham Mark Education Trust
RMET Central Team 10 th February, 9:30-10am
Rainham Mark Grammar School 10 th February, 4-5pm
Riverside Primary School 24 th February, 3:30-4:30pm
Twydall Primary School 3 rd March, 3:30-4:30pm

We appreciate you may have questions and so we have therefore created an FAQ document to answer any immediate questions you have, which can be accessed here: [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

However, should you have any further questions please do consider attending one of the sessions or reach out directly 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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