

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

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

Dear families,

We hope you are well and that your family has had a good start to 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.

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. The consultation will run from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. We encourage you to respond to the consultation and look forward to hearing your feedback, and you can access it online here: [Merger Consultation Feedback Form](#).

To support this process and in addition to speaking with staff, we will be hosting several parent/carer forums, should you be interested in hearing more about the proposals and have any questions. These events will take place on the following dates and times:

| <b>Rainham Mark Education Trust</b>                                    |
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| Rainham Mark Grammar School<br>Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February, 7-8pm |
| Riverside Primary School<br>Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 5-6pm    |
| Twydall Primary School<br>Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2-3pm          |

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 hope your child continues to have an enjoyable start to the spring term and we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration as we explore this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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*Chair of the Board of Trustees, RMET*



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*Chief Executive Officer, Veritas Multi Academy Trust*  
*Interim Chief Executive Officer, RMET*