

3rd February 2025

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

Dear colleagues,

We hope you are well and would like to firstly take the opportunity to thank you for your continued efforts as we settle into the spring 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 possible merger presents a really positive opportunity for our schools, students and communities. By increasing our collaboration and shared capabilities, we will be able to offer enhanced professional development opportunities to staff, through increased best practice and resource sharing and training, helping to retain and recruit high-quality staff. Similarly, we believe it will enhance our school improvement capability and will help us to drive further educational excellence in our classrooms, so we can deliver the very best possible education to students.

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 3rd February to Thursday 6th March 2025** and is available 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 Monday 10 th February, 9:30-10am
Rainham Mark Grammar School Monday 10 th February, 4-5pm
Riverside Primary School Monday 24 th February, 3:30-4:30pm
Twydall Primary School Monday 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 would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and collaboration as we explore this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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