

**30th April 2025**

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

Dear Families,

We hope you are well.

We are writing to share an update following the extensive consultation process which was undertaken as part of the proposed merger between Veritas Multi Academy Trust and Rainham Mark Education Trust (RMET).

In January, we set out the process through which parents, staff, academy committee members and the wider school community could express their views about the proposed merger. This process ran from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February until Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, including several in-person meetings. We are grateful to all those from within our school community who expressed their views and provided feedback on the proposals.

Based on the extensive consultation process, and detailed forensic due diligence undertaken by both Trusts, the Trust Boards have decided to progress with the merger between Veritas MAT and RMET.

Whilst the Trust Boards have made their decision, this continues to be a long process which requires several stages of approval before a final outcome is made. We will of course update you on the progress made with the proposals as we move to the next stage.

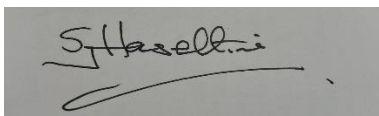
In the interim, however, we wanted to take the opportunity to share further information in response to some of the main questions that were raised during the consultation process, which we hope will reassure you of the plans.

As such, the responses to the frequently asked questions are available on our website and can be accessed here: [FAQ's](#).

In the meantime, we continue to be excited about the opportunity for our Trusts to work collaboratively to maximise our potential and provide the best educational experience and opportunities to our school communities.

We will continue to keep you updated throughout the various stages of this process. Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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