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Formation of Multi Academy Trust

Dear parents and carers,

Earlier this year, we wrote to you to share our intention to explore the formation of a new Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) alongside seven other Solihull schools. At that time, we provided a consultation pack and invited feedback from our school community.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to engage with the consultation process. We greatly appreciated the thoughtful responses we received, and your views have helped to shape our planning as the project has developed.

We are pleased to inform you that the Department for Education has now approved our application to establish the new Trust. This is an important milestone in the process and reflects the strong collaborative vision shared by the eight schools involved.

Which schools are involved?

The schools that have been named on the DfE application are listed below.

- Alderbrook Secondary School
- Blossomfield Infant School
- Cheswick Green Primary School
- Dickens Heath Community Primary School
- Hazel Oak Special School
- Shirley Heath Junior School
- Streetsbrook Infant and Early Years Academy
- Woodlands Infant School

What happens next?

We have now entered a period of legal work to complete the transfers, during which a range of financial, legal and operational matters will be carefully reviewed and finalised. Subject to the successful completion of this work, the proposed start date for the new Trust will be no earlier than February 2027.

Our ambition in forming the Trust is to create an even stronger partnership between schools, enabling us to share expertise, develop opportunities for staff and pupils, and enhance the educational experience we provide. Throughout this journey, our fundamental commitment remains unchanged: to ensure that every child and young person in our school receives the very best education and support to achieve their full potential.

We would also like to reassure parents and carers that this change will not affect school admissions arrangements in any way. The schools will continue to serve our local community, and families will continue to apply for places through the existing admissions

process. We are determined that all schools in the Trust will retain their own unique identity, there will be no changes to school name or uniform.

We recognise that parents and carers may have questions as the project progresses. We are committed to keeping you informed and will provide further updates as key milestones are reached in an open and transparent way.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. We are excited about the opportunities this partnership could bring and look forward to working together to secure the very best outcomes for all our children and young people.

Further information

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