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Dear Parents and Carers of pupils in DLAT,

We are writing to advise of our current consultation for a potential merger between the two trusts.

Both trusts have a shared ambition in ensuring excellence and enrichment for ALL our children and as such have been working together to share resource and expertise and work collaboratively on projects such as curriculum development, the early years maths and SEND support to name but a few.

Directors of both Trusts feel that this is the right time to bring more sustainability and capacity to both trusts and to provide the opportunity not only for us to work together more closely but also to invite other schools to come and join us as well, in merging and creating a new MAT.

With more school partners to work with we feel we can bring an improved level of expertise and specialism to our development of teaching and learning and be able to offer more opportunities for our children beyond their immediate schools.

Parents and Carers should see no change in the educational provision for their children and schools will continue to retain their individual identity and ethos as they have always done in each respective trust. Both Trusts are bound by the same articles of association and scheme of delegation so in many respects are very similar anyway. They are both part of the wider Church of England family. The identity of the new trust, albeit we propose having a different trust name, will still be a mixed MAT to welcome both Church and Community schools.

We warmly welcome views from parents and carers and ask that any responses to the consultation are completed after reading the consultation document available to see here <http://www.dlatschools.org/merger-consultation/> and using the online survey available here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H95SQDG> The closing date is 25th March.

The form itself will offer us some really valuable feedback about what parents would like from us as a new larger multi-academy trust and help us to shape our strategic direction.

Thank you in advance of your response and do please look at our respective Trust websites (a link is in the survey as well) to learn more about what we do and how we work to improve teaching and learning. Please contact your headteacher if you have any specific queries at all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna Moulds".

Donna Moulds
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