



Grove Park Academies

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11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to consult with you over the proposal to merger Grove Park Academies (Grove Park Primary and Aspire School) with TIMU Multi Academy Trust (MAT), (Iwade and Bobbing School)

What is being proposed?

Grove Park Academies is looking to merge with the TIMU MAT. We are proposing that we form a new trust, under a new name (yet to be decided), whilst maintaining the identity of the four schools. The Regional School's Commissioner, who has the authority to approve, looks upon the proposed merger favourably.

Why do both Trusts want to merge?

We are already working in collaboration with each other and with the retirement of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ceranne Litton at Grove Park Academies, we now see this as the perfect opportunity to create more opportunities for all four schools under the one Multi academy Trust (MAT).

The merger will create a family of high quality schools, with a consistent educational approach, which respects each school's distinctiveness allowing us all to benefit from the wide range of skills and expertise that we have in all four schools.

What will change?

The newly formed MAT will operate under the new name with a restructured system of governance with the Board of Trustees, which will draw on the expertise of both Trusts' existing boards. Academies within the new MAT will continue to have additional local Governing Body, which will include parent and staff representatives, who will follow a Scheme of Delegated Authority from the Board of Trustees.

How does the merger benefit the communities these academies serve?

There are a number of benefits to pupils and the wider community as a result of this merger. Principally, pupils' progress will be secured through the quality assurance of educational approaches, policies and procedures of a unified MAT. Parents and carers will see the benefits of having a wider pool of expertise across the trust but will remain confident that the identity and ethos each school remain intact.

Academy leaders and their staff will benefit from established Trust-wide investment training and other networking opportunities.

When is the proposed merger anticipated to take place?

The proposed date of the merger is 1st September 2022.

How do I share my thoughts and questions about the proposed merger?

We are keen to receive any comments or questions you might have about the proposed merger. You can share your comments and questions by accessing the survey and links via the school websites.

The consultation period started on 11th March 2022 and will close on 8th April 2022 and is extended to staff in both Trusts, Chairs of Governors of local schools, parents and carers of pupils attending Grove Park Primary School, Aspire School, Iwade Primary School and Bobbing School. Following this, we will summarise comments received and make a written response published on the school websites

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Simon Mason

Chair of Trustees
Grove Park Academies

Mr Neil Peterson

Chair of Trustees
TIMU MAT