



Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will remember that we wrote to you in April sharing with you our intention to merge both Avonreach Multi Academy Trust and The Villages' Multi Academy Trust from September 1st, 2026.

As outlined in our previous correspondence, the growth of MATs has been a prominent feature of education policy and this has been reaffirmed in the school's white paper that sets out the government's vision for the future school system, stating that all schools should be part of a high-quality MAT.

The consultation period has now ended, and we thank you for any comments you have submitted. We received many positive comments, acknowledging and supporting our plans to merge and create a stronger and more sustainable organisation. Thank you also to everyone who has asked questions and provided commentary that has supported our due diligence processes. Many of these have been addressed and we plan to provide additional information to parents/carers and all stakeholders from September, sharing our long-term strategic plan for the new trust.

We can now confirm that both trusts will be merging to become one new trust from September 1st; the new trust will be known as:

QUEST LEARNING TRUST (QLT)



This is an exciting time for both trusts to come together 'In pursuit of excellence' and we are looking forward to the increased collaborative working that will impact positively on pupil outcomes.

We reiterate below what this will mean to our schools:

- For the children and young people in our schools, there will be no obvious change
- Each school will retain its unique identity
- For staff, the merger provides greater opportunities for collaboration and development that impacts positively on pupil outcomes
- For the combined trust, it increases the opportunities to work more sustainably, offering individual schools greater and more effective support from within the organisation, ultimately improving the outcomes for all children and young people.

What will this mean for Trust and Local Governance?

- The current two trust boards will merge as one and existing Directors will be the new Directors of Quest Learning Trust
- Current Members in each trust will also combine and become the Members of Quest Learning Trust
- Individual school's governing bodies will not change but will be known as the Academy Standards Committee (ASC) made up of local governors, some of whom will be parents.

We will endeavour to share more information with you as the Quest Learning Trust develops. As a new trust, we greatly value your input, as parents/carers, and look forward to working in partnership with you.

Thank you for your on-going support during this exciting time for both our organisations.

With best wishes,



Andrew Longdon Avonreach Chair of Trustees



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