

FARINGDON ACADEMY OF SCHOOLS AND EYNHAM PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY – JOINT STATEMENT

Statement: At their respective Board meetings on 30th March and 6th April 2017, the trustees of the Faringdon Academy of Schools and the Eynsham Partnership Academy agreed to embark on discussions about the possible merger of the two academy trusts. Discussions and a period of planning will take place during the summer term 2017 with a view to agreeing the terms of a consultation document. If agreement is reached then the trusts will enter into a formal consultation process in the autumn term 2017. If that consultation is successful, the legal process to merge the two trusts would start in January 2018 with a potential merger date to be agreed in the summer term 2018.

Detail: The Faringdon Academy of Schools comprises Faringdon Community College, Faringdon Infant School, Faringdon Junior School, Buckland Church of England Primary School, John Blandy Primary School, Longcot & Fernham Church of England Primary School, Shrivenham Church of England Primary School and Watchfield Primary School. The trust was formed in April 2012 and has three outstanding schools, including the secondary school.

The Eynsham Partnership Academy comprises Bartholomew School, Eynsham Community Primary School, Freeland Church of England Primary School, Hanborough Manor Church of England Primary School, St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Cassington, Standlake Church of England Primary School and Stanton Harcourt Church of England Primary School. The trust was formed in April 2014 and has two outstanding schools, including the secondary school.

Both Boards are seeking to merge the two trusts to provide peer support for the secondary schools and to establish a more sustainable organisational structure to meet future academic and financial challenges. Agreement to discuss the merger has the support of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education and the North West London & South Central Regional Schools Commissioner.

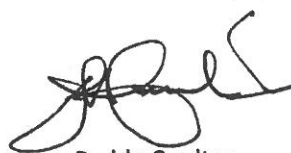
If the trusts agree to proceed, a formal consultation process will be held in the autumn term 2017 with all stakeholder groups. Specifically, the trustees will be keen to learn the views of pupils, staff and parents as well as the wider community including Oxfordshire County Council.



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