



15th June 2026

Consultation on the planned merger of Maritime Academy Trust and Spring Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share some exciting news about a proposed merger between Maritime Academy Trust and Spring Trust. Subject to the successful completion of the consultation process and approval from the Department for Education, Spring Trust would join Maritime Academy Trust.

First and foremost, we want to reassure parents that the day-to-day experience for children in our schools would remain largely unchanged. Our schools will continue to serve their local communities, retain their individual identities, and remain focused on providing the highest quality education for every child. The merger is not about changing what makes our schools special; it is about strengthening the support behind them.

We believe this proposal presents a significant opportunity for our schools, children, staff and communities. By bringing our two trusts together, we will increase the expertise, capacity and resources available across the organisation, helping us to deliver even greater outcomes for the children and families we serve.

Working together on a larger scale will allow us to share best practice more widely, strengthen school improvement support and create enhanced professional development opportunities for staff. This will help us continue to attract, develop and retain talented colleagues, ensuring that children benefit from the very best teaching and leadership.

The merger would also improve our ability to operate efficiently and sustainably by strengthening areas such as finance, procurement and administration. In a challenging educational and financial climate, this will help ensure that resources can continue to be directed where they matter most: supporting children and schools.

As the views of our school communities are extremely important to us, we are launching a consultation to give all stakeholders the opportunity to share their thoughts on the proposal. The consultation began on Monday, 15th June and will run until Tuesday, 14th July 2026. Details of the proposal and supporting documentation are available on our [website](#).

We encourage you to take part in the consultation and share your views. We have also prepared a Frequently Asked Questions document to address some of the questions you may have at this stage.

If you would like to respond to the consultation, please complete the [online response form](#) or email info@matoffice.org by 14 July 2026.

We are excited about the opportunities this proposed merger could bring and the positive impact it could have for children, staff and the wider community. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our schools and for taking the time to engage with this important consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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Nick Osborne
CEO