



Midsomer Norton
Schools Partnership



To all Parents/Carers of Pupils and Students attending schools within
DRAGONFLY EDUCATION TRUST and MIDSOMER NORTON SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday 7th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the Dragonfly Education Trust and Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership have been working more closely together since September. This reflects the clear need nationally for Multi-Academy Trusts to work more collaboratively to secure the best possible education for children.

You will be interested to know that our respective Trust Boards have embarked on a series of discussions to explore the potential for more formal collaboration in the future, including a possible merger of the two Trusts. We anticipate a number of mutual benefits to any such collaboration:

- Supporting the progress of all children
- Improving teaching and learning in all schools
- Providing greater school improvement support across schools in our area
- Enriching the curriculum in our sixth forms
- Improving leadership and management in all schools
- Providing an opportunity for staff of working in a larger Multi-Academy Trust

Whilst respecting the distinctiveness of all schools involved, both Trusts recognise that children in our area could benefit greatly from us bringing together the resources and governance of our schools under one entity.

It is unlikely that any change would be made before 1st September 2018, given the discussions and the due diligence to be undertaken, but we wanted to inform you of the current position.

We are committed to undertake any statutory consultations and communications with interested stakeholders as the process unfolds. Please be assured that whilst the above process is undertaken the Trusts will continue to focus on the educational provision for all existing students.

We shall inform you of any formal outcome from these discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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