



## PROSPECTIVE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (MAT)

08/02/24

Dear Parent/Carer

Having considered many options, the Governors and leaders of Thomas Jolyffe and Stratford upon Avon Schools believe that it is in the best interests of our schools to form a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to enable us to shape the next phase of our development. As two schools with common inclusive values serving the same families, we believe this will help ensure sustainable school improvement and high quality all-through educational provision for local families in our local community. This letter is to raise awareness and inform you about the proposals and is the beginning of the consultation process to gather views from across our school community.

The Department for Education (DfE) expects schools to support each other to develop and improve. Together, we are looking to create our own locality based Multi Academy Trust that reflects our values, meets the specific needs of our wider community and preserves each school's distinctive ethos and identity.

The Governors feel that the opportunity to become an equal partner in a locally based MAT has many benefits for our children. We believe this provides an excellent opportunity to improve the quality of learning and teaching and wider provision for the young people in our care, develop staff and strengthen our respective schools. By working closely together we will be stronger and find the right approach to raise and sustain standards in different settings. We believe that our sum will always be greater than our individual parts.

Further details in the form of Frequently Asked Questions are available on our website. Please respond with any comments in support, matters you would like us to address or requests for further clarification to [MAT Consultation Feedback Form](#). All responses will be considered and, though it will not be possible to respond individually to all emails, further updates will be added to the school websites in due course. The consultation period runs until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours faithfully

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