



24 January

Dear parent or carer,

We are writing to inform you of a proposal to merge Newham Community Schools Trust (NCST) with Leading Learning Trust (LLT), resulting in Selwyn Primary School and Portway Primary School joining NCST (Eastlea, Lister, Rokeby and Sarah Bonnell Schools).

The school leaders and trustees of NCST and LLT have worked closely together for some time and are excited by the opportunity that further collaboration may have for the educational and pastoral outcomes for our pupils. Our schools serve the same community, and many students progress from Selwyn and Portway to NCST schools. Trustees have developed a proposal for the merger and undertaken relevant due diligence work and believe that increasing collaboration between the two organisations offers benefits for pupils, parents and staff.

We would like to clarify that this will not change the identity of any of our schools. We would not change our uniform, admissions, or values, and our schools will look and feel the same as they do now. Pursuing a merger would allow our trusts to:

- Develop and support effective transition for young people from KS2 to KS3
- Share effective practice and skills to strengthen the KS2 and KS3 curriculum
- Pool resources for developing high quality SEND provision, including but not limited to collaboration in strengthening the Hearing-Impaired Resource Provisions at both Lister and Selwyn
- Enhance opportunities for enrichment opportunities through sharing resources and facilities
- Enhance existing work on the Newham Community Music Cluster
- Develop work with families, particularly those in need of intervention, with continuity maintained as the child progresses through primary and secondary.

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The Trust Boards of both trusts are considering applying to the Regional School Commissioner (RSC) for permission to merge. We will be keen to hear your views regarding the merger and will amend our proposals to merge in light of feedback gained through this consultation period. I would like to assure you that making this application does not commit us to merge if it is not right for our school community.

As part of the consultation, the trusts would greatly appreciate your participation in the following survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NCST-LLT-merger-consultation>.

We plan to hold a meeting specifically for parents and carers from both NCST and LLT, provisionally scheduled for 4pm on Thursday 3rd February, which you can access by clicking [here](#). On the [Key Documents page](#) of the Newham Community Schools Trust website you will also find [a copy of the proposal](#) and of an [FAQ document for stakeholders](#).

This consultation exercise will run until 25/02/22.

Thank you,



Anthony Wilson
Chief Executive



Paul Leslie
Chair of NCST