

15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see below some exciting information regarding a possible merger between Maritime Academy Trust and Spring Trust.

We believe the proposal presents a very positive opportunity for our schools, children and communities. Joining together will provide increased capacity and expertise and we strongly believe we can deliver even greater outcomes for our children, staff and communities.

By increasing our collaboration and shared capabilities, we will be able to offer enhanced professional development opportunities to staff through increased best practice and resource sharing and training, helping to retain and recruit high-quality staff. Similarly, we believe it will enhance our school improvement capability and will help us to drive further educational excellence in our classrooms, so we can deliver the very best possible education to children.

We also believe this merger would provide improved operational efficiencies as regards procurement, finance, and administration and enhance financial and longer-term sustainability for both Trusts.

As the views and feedback of our school communities are important to us, we are launching a consultation to allow all stakeholders to express views about the proposed merger. The consultation will run from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026, with full details and documentation being available on our Trust and school websites under 'Trust Merger Consultation'. We encourage you to respond to the consultation and look forward to hearing your feedback.

**The Spring Partnership Trust schools:**

Elmstead Wood Primary School, Hayes Primary School, Leasons Primary School, Midfield Primary School, St Mary Cray Primary Academy.

We have created an FAQ document to try and answer any immediate questions you have but if you have any further questions or would like to respond to the consultation, please complete the [online response form](#) or email [contact@springtrust.uk](mailto:contact@springtrust.uk) by the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

We are excited about the proposed merger and the potential it will deliver for children, staff and the wider school community alike. We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and collaboration as we explore this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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