



# Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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To Parents at Bonitas

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## Proposal to merge Bonitas Trust and Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust

Dear Parent / Carer

Following our last communication in December, the merger between Bonitas Multi-Academy Trust (BMAT) and Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) is continuing with our due diligence. At this time the Trustees of BMAT are happy to move towards the next phase of the proposed merger process: a formal parent/carer consultation. Both Trusts have been working closely together and discussions have been incredibly positive. The proposal is for ODST and BMAT to merge together to become a single Multi Academy Trust (MAT) with all schools becoming members of Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST).

A rigorous process of due diligence has been taking place between BMAT and ODST since October 2025 and many Trust wide discussions have taken place. ODST has a set of values that reflect its Church of England foundations but also support the unique nature of its community schools. For BMAT's senior leaders, governors and trustees, the preservation of the distinct character of each of our own schools in any new trust setting was of utmost importance. As part of the due diligence process, governors and senior leaders within BMAT spoke to their counterparts in ODST and found that schools joining ODST, whether church or community, have benefited from strong support when needed, and have also been empowered to develop their school's unique character.

Our Trusts have aligned visions and there is a lot of common ground between the two organisations, both in terms of values and ethos, and our ambitions for our pupils and staff. It is clear that we both place community at the heart of what we do, and that we both strive to provide high quality inclusive education. Most of all, we have a shared belief in putting our children, staff and school communities first.

We understand that this decision is a very important one for both parties as it means Bonitas schools becoming part of ODST. We are clear that the merger must be right for everyone involved, especially for the pupils and staff. Whatever becomes of BMAT itself, please be assured that our schools are committed to remaining rooted in our local communities, supporting our children to grow and to flourish, and to continuing to work in partnership with other local schools and those in neighbouring authorities, to the benefit of all.



The formal consultation process will open at 12pm on Monday 12 January 2026 and close at 12pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

We would welcome your views on this merger proposal. There are three ways to provide feedback:

1. By using the online form by following [Stakeholder Consultation – Fill in form](#)
2. By emailing the Clerk to the Board of Trustees at Bonitas [ddeykin@bonitas.org.uk](mailto:ddeykin@bonitas.org.uk)
3. By attending a parent/carer meeting at Jennett’s Park on Thursday 22<sup>ND</sup> January at 3.30pm. If you would like to attend this meeting please register your interest by following this link [Proposed Merger Bonitas with ODST Registration of Interest Form - Jennett's Park – Fill in form](#)

The consultation meeting is an opportunity for you to join us in person to find out more about what this merger means for you and your child, and you can ask any questions you may have and meet some of the key people involved.

Please find attached a link to Frequently Asked Questions which, based on our experience, should answer many of the questions you may have [Click link to FAQs](#). We hope you find them useful. We also urge you to look at the ODST website which will give you more information about ODST Trust and schools [Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust](#)

We very much look forward to hearing your views.

Yours faithfully



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