

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to with an important update regarding future plans at Omega Multi-Academy Trust.

Over the past few months, Trust stakeholders have been positively engaging in confidential discussions with colleagues at Wade Deacon Trust, regarding a potential Trust merger. Wade Deacon Trust is a cross-phase group of ten schools located in across the North West, with one all through school, three secondary schools and six primary schools.

Since its creation, Omega Multi-Academy Trust has grown at a steady and sustainable rate. We are financially well placed, with a strong track record and reputation. We are both strategically and geographically well-placed. Our Values: *Aspiration, Belonging and Care* has always been about more than academic results. It is also about raising aspirations, building a culture of belonging, and ensuring every young person leaves us ready and equipped to make a difference.

Throughout our conversations with Wade Deacon Trust, we have highlighted that our organisational values are a key part of what defines us and are important to maintain. However, there are several compelling reasons which explain why we are considering a merger. First and foremost, from a school improvement perspective, the opportunities for pooling of knowledge, and sharing of best practice and resources are clear. A larger organisation in the same localities with combined knowledge, skills and expertise would enable us to further improve the quality of provision across both Trusts.

As a sector, there are a growing number of initiatives similar to this potential merger, which the Department for Education has backed for further investigation. What is becoming clearer is that larger MATs are better equipped to withstand economic pressures and changes in government policy, ensuring long-term sustainability and continued improvement in standards. Therefore, it is becoming increasingly clear to us and the Trust Board that this opportunity is positive and in the best interests of Omega Multi-Academy Trust.

Wade Deacon Trust is a reputable, trusted partner with a strong, local footprint, committed to a set of values that align with our own. Together, we have already undertaken work in partnership to drive school improvements, and our co-operation continues to grow from strength to strength. As part of these discussions, subject to approval, it is proposed that the merged organisation will be known as the Wade Deacon Omega Trust (WDOT), reflecting the strong identity and contributions of both trusts.

During this period, we are continuing to proceed with due diligence processes with senior leaders from across both Trusts, with a view that this will be completed in the Autumn Term this year. We will keep you updated on all developments as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

The merger will not disrupt provision in any of our schools.

There will be no changes to senior leadership and relationships with your child's school will continue as normal. Staff will continue to teach as they currently do. In addition, there will be no changes to our determined admissions for September 2027 entry, and there are no planned changes to published term dates. Any changes to term dates will be communicated at the earliest opportunity.

We will soon be releasing further information regarding a formal consultation on the potential merger, and all stakeholders, including parents and carers, will be encouraged to participate in that important stage of the process.

Any decision to proceed with the merger will be subject to consultation, due diligence, the approval of both Trust Boards, followed by approval from the DfE Regional Director.

Finally, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support which is hugely appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



Christian Wilcocks  
Chief Executive Officer



Gavin Brown  
Chair of Trustees

