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Parents and Carers at:

Frome College
Oakfield Academy
Selwood Academy
Trinity First School
Critchill School

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you following the recent consultation that took place regarding a potential move from a three-tier to two-tier arrangement for Frome area schools.

Following the previous consultation held earlier this year, there was strong support from stakeholders in favour of finding out more about what change might look like in a two-tier system. There were over 800 responses to the first consultation with 71% in favour of exploring what a two-tier system for Frome area schools might look like. 22% were in favour of keeping the three-tier system and 7% were unsure.

As a result, the group of Multi-Academy Trusts and Somerset Local Authority have formulated a more detailed proposal about the education landscape if a two-tier system was adopted. This details what would happen to each individual school should the community agree to progress further.

The proposal is built around ensuring all communities in Frome retain a local school and that provision for the most vulnerable children can be enhanced. The group also focussed on building additional provision for secondary education, including a wider offer for post 16 pupils.

This second consultation will open on **Monday 1st June at 3pm** and I would encourage as many of you as possible to engage with the process, so your views can be heard. There will be some public events taking place on the 9th and 17th June 2026, where representatives from all Trusts, the Local Authority and schools will be present to answer any questions you might have.

A link to the consultation document will be sent to Parents/Carers on Monday 1st June via email from schools. Thank you for your engagement in this process to date.

Yours faithfully

Alun Williams – CEO MNSP