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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that Accord Multi Academy Trust is considering the possibility of a merger with Maltby Learning Trust, a Trust comprised of seven 'Good' Ofsted-rated academies in and around Rotherham and Doncaster.

This would see the two successful and well-established Trusts joining together to create a brand-new organisation which would be greater than the sum of our parts.

This proposed arrangement would be a voluntary merger of equals, rather than any form of takeover / acquisition of one Trust by the other. The two Trusts have much in common, starting with a similar vision and values shaped around putting children and young people first, setting high standards, delivering exceptional learning experiences, and committing to and connecting with the local communities that we serve.

In the event of this merger, our academies would continue to operate largely as they do now and would still be led by the same leadership team supported by the same wider body of staff. Pupils and students would not notice any immediate difference; they will be in the same uniform, in the same classrooms and with the same teaching staff, supported by the same pastoral / associate staff. We will continue to strive for an outstanding education for all our children in every school.

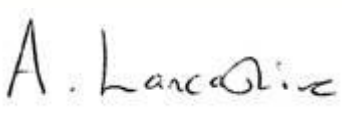
Our view is that by increasing the size of the Trust we will be able to achieve far greater economies of scale, which ultimately means more funding directed to support your child's learning. We would also have access to more subject specialists and pastoral experts who could continue to improve our curriculum and holistic offering, as well as a more efficient central team to streamline our internal processes.

Whilst both Trusts are strongly in favour of this merger, it is not a foregone conclusion and there is a formal process to be followed. Importantly, the proposal not only needs to consider your views and the views of other stakeholders, but it also needs to be supported by the Department for Education (DfE) Advisory Board which serves the Yorkshire and Humber region.

For more information regarding this proposal and to access the link to the Microsoft Form to share your views please go to the Trust website at News | Accord Multi Academy Trust. The opportunity to share feedback via this form will run from **Thursday 5 June to Friday 4 July 2025**.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We will update you over the coming weeks when there is any relevant information to share in respect of this proposal.

With best wishes,



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