

Dear Parent/Carer/ Colleague,

Consultation on the de-amalgamation of the Beckmead Family of Schools

The Beckmead Trust is proposing to de-amalgamate the Beckmead Family of Schools to create a Croydon Hub of three separately registered schools.

We are writing to seek your views and to also invite you to attend an open meeting on Zoom to discuss these proposals. To register for this meeting please email thebeckmeadtrust@beckmead.croydon.sch.uk so that a link can be sent to you.

What are the plans?

The Beckmead Family of Schools, judged as outstanding by Ofsted, is the founding school of the Beckmead Trust. It has a strong vision and values based on the concepts of nurture and love and a successful track record in improving outcomes for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs and Autism.

The Trust is ambitious to share its model and is expanding its offer, opening clusters of new schools in Essex, East Sussex and West London. In this context the Beckmead Trust is proposing to create a Croydon Hub of three schools of a similar size to those in the other areas. Each school will be registered separately with the DfE and will have a headteacher and local governing body.

The proposed changes will enable consistency in school size and staffing structures across the Beckmead Trust. More importantly it will strengthen accountability and local governance and clarify admissions and specialist learning pathways for pupils with differing needs.

How would the proposed new arrangements work?

The proposed Croydon Hub will consist of three schools operating across a range of sites, each with between 100 and 112 pupils: The Beckmead Campus, Beckmead College and Chaffinch Brook School.

The Beckmead Campus	Beckmead College	Chaffinch Brook School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tharreo House - Beckmead School - Bramley Bank - The Beck - Potential commissioned SEMH outreach offer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beckmead College - Community Learning Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chaffinch Brook Lower - Chaffinch Brook Upper - Commissioned ASC outreach offer

Each school will be responsible for its own admission arrangements as well as for the performance, progress and wellbeing of its pupils. Shared arrangements across the Croydon Hub for functions such as therapies and premises management will allow for local co-ordination and economies of scale, ensuring that investment in pupils in the classroom can be maximised. The Croydon Hub will also support the development of individual schools through teacher training and staff development programmes, curriculum cluster groups, common systems for measuring pupil progress and performance and shared enrichment and extended activities for pupils.

How would the proposal happen?

Following the consultation an application will be made to the DfE to de-amalgamate the Beckmead Family of Schools. Whilst this proposal requires no changes in general staffing there will be some changes to the current leadership structure and these will be consulted on separately with staff affected, after a decision on de-amalgamation is received from the DfE.

Consultation

The results of the consultation will be reported in the application to be submitted to the DfE to de-amalgamate the Beckmead Family of Schools.

Timetable

Event	Date
Consultation begins	1 July 2020
Consultation meeting	10 July 2020
Deadline for comments on proposals	29 July 2020
Submission to DfE	August 2020
Decision on proposal	Oct 2020
Proposed Implementation	April 2021

Sharing your views

Your views are important in the consideration of this proposal. You are warmly invited to join the consultation meeting where the Beckmead Trust leadership team will set out the proposal and receive views and questions. You may also send comments by completing the attached pro-forma and returning it to the Beckmead Trust or by emailing: thebeckmeadtrust@beckmead.croydon.sch.uk

The consultation period will end at 5.00 pm on 29 July 2020. The Beckmead Trust Board will review the outcomes of the consultation. All views and responses will be considered when making further decisions on the proposals. The final decision on de-amalgamation will be made by the DfE.

Yours sincerely



Dr Jonty Clark OBE

**BECKMEAD TRUST – DE-AMALGAMATION OF BECKMEAD FAMILY OF SCHOOLS
 PROPOSAL TO CREATE A CROYDON HUB OF THREE SEPARATE SCHOOLS
 CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

Name:

Parent / Carer	
Staff member	
Local school	
Governor	
Commissioning Local Authority	

<p>I support the proposal to create a Croydon Hub of three schools. <i>Please give reasons for supporting the proposal.</i></p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>I have some concerns or questions about the proposal. <i>Please give details below</i></p>	

Thank you for your sharing your views. Please return to the Beckmead Trust by 29 July 2020.

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