



To Community Stakeholders of BST and MET

14 January 2021

Proposal to merge Berkshire Schools Trust and Maiden Erlegh Trust

We are writing to you to share our exciting plans to merge Berkshire Schools Trust with Maiden Erlegh Trust.

These plans are in the early stages and this decision is a very important one for both parties as it means Berkshire School Trust schools becoming part of Maiden Erlegh Trust. We are clear that the merger must be the right one for everyone involved, especially the pupils, students and staff. We understand that it is a huge responsibility and we do not take it lightly.

Following a series of very positive exploratory discussions between the two Trusts, we believe that there is a great amount of common ground between the two organisations, both in terms of values and ethos, and our ambitions for our pupils, students and staff. It is clear that we both place community at the heart of what we both do, and that we have a strong moral purpose towards high quality inclusive education. We are of the firm opinion that by St John’s Primary School, New Town Primary School and New Christ Church Primary School coming into Maiden Erlegh Trust, this will have a very positive impact on both communities.

We are pleased to move towards the next phase of the merger process: a formal consultation. This consultation will open at 9am on 18 January 2021 and close at 12pm on Monday 22 February 2021.

We would welcome your views on our proposal and we are offering three methods of giving your feedback:

1. By using the online form by following https://bit.ly/BST_METConsultation
2. By registering to attend one of our online consultation webinars (see below).
3. By writing to either Angharad Brackstone (CEO of Berkshire Schools Trust) or Mary Davies (CEO of Maiden Erlegh Trust) at BSTConsultation@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Webinar Date	Webinar Registration Link
Wednesday 20 January 6pm – 7pm	https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m0ELXyg5TUypawjFBxPjIw
Tuesday 26 January 6pm – 7pm	https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LCJSWwzISViQUuhjAV43Gg

You can find more information about both Trusts by visiting their websites: [Maiden Erlegh Trust](#), [Berkshire Schools Trust](#).

We very much look forward to hearing your views and/or seeing you at one of the meetings.

Yours faithfully

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