



ACHIEVING MORE TOGETHER

Welcome to Ormiston Cliff Park Infant and Junior Parent/Community Briefing

- You should be able to hear us and see the presentation – if you can't, please let us know
- There is a Q&A box where you can submit your questions and comments.
- This session will be recorded
- For more information, please visit <http://www.proposedacademy.co.uk/ocp-primary-merger/>

About OAT

- We are a multi-academy trust: an education charity that runs great local schools.
- We have been in operation since 2009 which makes us one of the longest established trusts.
- We are also one of the largest, with around 5,000 staff serving over 30,000 pupils.
- We work in six English regions.
- Our Trust includes 32 secondary schools, seven primary schools and one special school.
- Our head office is based in Birmingham.

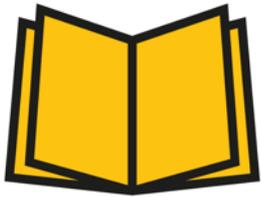




Our mission is to become the Trust that makes the biggest difference, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our core purposes

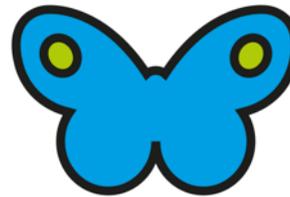
- When we think about what kind of difference we want to make, this is defined by our core purposes.
- Everything we do should be ultimately focused on doing these things well.



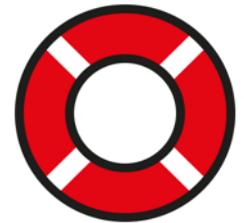
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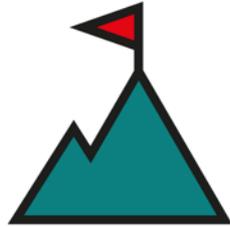


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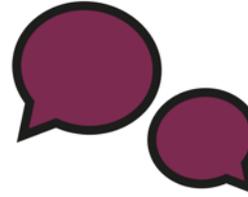
Our values



Anyone
can excel



Enjoy the
challenge



Share what
is best



Be
inclusive

The role that values play in our Trust

- We are a values-led organisation.
- Our first schools were sponsored by Ormiston Trust, a charity that has continued to support us financially to improve life chances for the most vulnerable.
- We know many of our staff have actively chosen to work in schools with significant challenges because of the difference they want to make to these pupils.



Proposal for change

- Create a single Primary school by merging Infant and Junior schools from 1 September 2021.
- This means that one school is legally required to close. So, we propose to close the junior school and expand the age range of the infant school to 11 years.
- Admission arrangements will be changed for 2022/23 to reflect this – parents/carers will no longer need to apply for a place in Year 3.
- On a day-to-day basis there will be no change in provision in either school.
- The merged school will have one Principal
- A separate consultation on new roles and responsibilities will take place

Why are we proposing this

- Natural progression for both schools.
- Already share common ethos, practices and resources.
- Working as one school we can make an even bigger difference to our children.
- We can also offer parents a deeper relationship with the school as we'll be working together over a longer period.
- Greater opportunities for staff in CPD, to share and expand practice.

Benefits of bringing the schools together as one

For parents and carers:

- Strengthen school-parent and carer links even further through continuity from early years to end of Year 6.
- Offering a greater opportunity for building relationships between pupils, parents/carers and the school to increase and share understanding of the needs of each pupil.
- This change would also be consistent with many other infant schools in England.
- Once a child gains admission, their school place is secure until moving onto secondary education.
- Continuity of ethos and values e.g. curriculum, behaviour.

How it will affect pupils

For pupils:

- Delivering to pupils’ a complete “primary experience” from the earliest years through to supporting pupils to move up to secondary school.
- Ensuring that there is joined up thinking across the Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in how we deliver the curriculum – this will help our children to do even better at school.
- Increased access to and opportunities for enrichment e.g. a shared playing field and PE resources; an opportunity for a single pupil voice.

How will it affect staff

For school:

- Enabling the school community to build relationships over a longer period, and share skills, expertise and experiences to benefit everybody.
- Enhanced career development opportunities for staff, the ability to move between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 for instance, helping develop professional skills.
- A common approach to school policies and practice providing greater opportunities for staff to share their skills and expertise.

Changes will be kept to a minimum

- Changes to the uniform will be kept to a minimum and phased-in.
- School day has been aligned between the schools and will be re-introduced when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.
- Class sizes will remain the same.
- Teaching staff will remain the same.
- The curriculum will remain the same.
- The school name would change, the proposed name is, *Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy*
- Email addresses, web domain and signage would be updated

At the heart of it all...



- Achieving more together through collaboration and teamwork.
- Every child can succeed, every pupil is valued.
- High aspirations and ambition.
- Support and challenge.
- Communication.

Process/next steps

Consultation runs
until 26 March

Results are analysed and
reported to OAT Trustees/DFE

Approval to
proceed with
merger

Legal/admin
Changes are
implemented

Schools
merged
1st
September

Give us your feedback

- Visit our consultation website

www.proposedacademy.co.uk/ocp-primary-merger

- Complete a stakeholder public questionnaire – electronically, print and post/hand to the school office, or email consultation@ormistonacademies.co.uk.
- Email any questions to consultation@ormistonacademies.co.uk.
- Consultation closes midday 26 March.

Questions and answers

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