

Thursday 22nd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share an important update about the future of Grove Learning Trust, the multi academy trust that your child's school is part of.

Our Trustees have been carefully considering how best to secure long-term sustainability and continued delivery of exceptional education for every child in our schools.

Across the UK, the education system faces significant financial pressures and falling pupil numbers. Grove Learning Trust is not immune to these challenges. While our schools provide strong, high-quality education, we must plan ahead to ensure we remain resilient and able to invest in teaching and learning for years to come.

As a nine school Trust, we do not have enough capacity to deliver the central offer that is required for our schools to continue to thrive. With limited growth opportunities, falling numbers on roll in some of our schools and national budget challenges over the coming years, we are living in a time of significant educational reform.

Therefore, following careful consideration by Trustees, and following regular engagement with the DfE Regional Team, Trustees have decided to move into a formal partnership agreement with The White Horse Federation.

Partnering with a larger, well-established multi-academy trust provides more capacity and broader opportunities to serve pupils and communities. The White Horse Federation is a strong fit.

This partnership begins immediately while Trustees continue due diligence with the longer-term intention of amalgamating with a larger trust. A final decision will follow DfE processes and we'll be in touch over the coming weeks to begin stakeholder consultation.

Our Commitment

We understand that change brings questions and concerns. Please be assured that this partnership is about enabling staff to do what they do best - teach and support our pupils - while reducing the operational pressures they face.

This work does not change how your school is led on a day to day basis and does not change how you engage with staff at your school. The change relates to how the group of nine schools forming Grove Learning Trust is led and governed.

Trustees are determined that every decision we make prioritises staff wellbeing and the stability of children's education.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our school communities. We will keep you informed as the journey progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Anne-Marie Howroyd
Chair of Trustees
On behalf of the Trust Board