

10 Jan 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Further to my letter of 4th December 2024, I am writing, as promised, to provide you with an update on the proposal to amalgamate Robinswood and Moat Primary Academies.

As you are aware, the final decision to proceed will be taken by the Department for Education in February 2025. I will write to you to confirm the outcome of their decision immediately.

In the meantime, I would like to remind you of the following, subject to the proposals being agreed:

Admissions arrangements:

- It is a DfE requirement, in cases such as this, that parents/guardians of **all pupils currently attending Moat Primary Academy**, in any year group, that parents will need to apply for a place for their child(ren) at Robinswood if they would like them to attend that school. This is to ensure parents have the option to apply for a place at another school if they would prefer to do so.
- Should parents of children currently at Moat Primary School choose to apply for a place at Robinswood Primary School, a place is guaranteed.
- The arrangements for making these applications will be shared with you if the proposals are agreed in February, and support in making the application will be provided, if requested (either for applications to Robinswood or to other schools if this is the choice).
- Parents at Robinswood do not need to reapply for their child's school place or take any action.
- Applications for places at Robinswood (or other schools) do NOT need to be made by January 15th 2025. This deadline is for applications for places in Reception classes for September 2025. If any parents at Moat have younger children who will be starting Reception in September 2025, please contact the Greenshaw Learning Trust admissions team for advice. Contact details are as follows:

- Email: admissionconsultations@greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk
- Telephone: 0333 037 1279

We recognise that the importance of ongoing involvement of staff, parents and pupils will be key to ensuring the success of the future education of all pupils in Matson. To support this, and as previously promised, we will be holding regular 'drop-in' sessions for parents of each school so that we can continue to answer questions and provide support. The dates for these sessions will be sent out by the Headteachers at Robinswood and Moat Primary Academies.

In addition, we are offering individual meetings to help with any concerns or questions that might affect individual families. If you would like to arrange an individual meeting, please contact the Headteacher of your child's school using the email address below:

admin@moatprimary.co.uk or admin@robinswoodprimary.co.uk

Yours faithfully

William Smith,

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