

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to you to set out proposals for the future of Moat Primary School and Robinswood Primary School.

Before Moat Primary School and Robinswood Primary School joined the Greenshaw Learning Trust (GLT) from the Phoenix Learning Alliance (PLA), the Board of Trustees of PLA were actively considering amalgamating the two schools. This was put on hold whilst the schools transferred to GLT. Trust Leaders and Trustees of the Greenshaw Learning Trust (GLT) have been considering the future for both schools and have concluded that it would be in the best interests of both schools to amalgamate the provision on a single site at Robinswood Primary School.

This would mean that Moat Primary School would close. The date for the closure, subject to the consultation and final decisions, is yet to be confirmed but it is anticipated that it would be from either 1st September 2025 or 1st September 2026.

We believe that the amalgamation will benefit both schools. Creating one stronger, more resilient, better resourced, and more financially sustainable school will better meet the needs of the community in the long run. By combining our talented staff and resources, we also believe we can further promote collaboration, and strengthen capacity in all areas, and ensure we deliver world class education to all of the children.

As you know, our schools have worked together closely for a number of years, originally as part of the Phoenix Learning Alliance, and now as schools within the Greenshaw Learning Trust. The schools already benefit from a shared curriculum, shared assessment, shared behaviour expectations, and policies and procedures, all of which will help ensure a smooth transition for your child.

A consultation to seek views on this proposal will start on 13th November and conclude on 6th December 2024. Following the consultation, the GLT Board of Trustees will consider all stakeholder views before a final decision is taken. Officers from the Greenshaw Learning Trust are working closely with council officers and the Department for Education on these proposals. Gloucester Council has responsibility for the planning of school places across Gloucester and council officers have indicated that they are supportive of this proposal.

If your child currently attends Moat Primary School, and the amalgamation takes place, you would need to apply for a place at Robinswood Primary School (or another local school of your choice) through the normal admissions process. More information can be found [here](#). Robinswood Primary School has sufficient space and resources to accommodate the additional children. In order to allow you to do this, we will communicate the outcome of the consultation with you before the end of the year.

We are committed to listening to, and supporting everyone that this change affects, and we will ensure that any questions or concerns are addressed. Consultation meetings are being held where you can ask

questions and share your feedback. These will take place at **Moat Primary School** on **21st November** at **14:30** and **17:30** and we encourage you to attend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Will" and last name "Smith" clearly distinguishable.

Will Smith,
CEO, The Greenshaw Learning Trust