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To: All parents and carers of pupils/students in academies in the Hastings Academies Trust and University of Brighton Academies Trust

12 July 2017

Dear parent/carers

As your child attends an academy in the Hastings Academies Trust (HAT) or the University of Brighton Academies Trust (UoBAT), I am writing to you again with an update on the proposal to merge the two trusts with effect from September 2017.

### **Consultation**

As you know, we ran a consultation on the proposal to merge the trusts from 15 May to 20 June 2017. The consultation responses have now been collated into a report that is available on the 'Have your say' page of our website: [www.brighton.ac.uk/trust-merger](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/trust-merger)

### **Progress**

Representatives from the trust central services teams have been meeting regularly to progress work related to the merger. The formal proposal to merge the trusts has been submitted to the Department for Education and the legal work associated with the merger is progressing well.

### **Next steps**

The Boards of Directors of the two trusts will meet to consider the consultation report, a comprehensive due diligence report and make the final decision to proceed with the merger on 20 July 2017. I will write again at the start of the autumn term to confirm the outcome.

There is already considerable joint working across the two trusts. The proposed merger relates to the overall legal structure of the trusts which would enable us to further develop these collaborative practices, increasing our ability to support and challenge academies to deliver the highest quality of teaching and learning.

Please email [enquiries@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk) with any questions you may have.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family an enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully

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