

7th October 2025

Dear Parents, carers,

Update on the consultation on the future of Hotwells and Cathedral Primary Schools

Following a period of community consultation the Trustees of the Cathedral Schools Trust have resolved to apply to the Department for Education for the permission to amalgamate Hotwells Primary School and Cathedral Primary School as a single split site school.

If approved, the youngest children will be taught on the current Hotwells site and the older children on the current Cathedral Primary School site. Whilst formally closing Hotwells School, this proposal seeks to retain education in the Hotwells area, at a time of demographic change, and leads to a more sustainable future for the combined school.

We recognise that the proposed significant change has raised concerns in the community of both schools and the board have heard these in the responses to the consultation. Whilst the Cathedral Schools Trust consultation is now closed, we will be sharing additional information around the background to the Board's decision in due course. We will also share how you can formally respond to the proposal as it comes to the DfE Regional Advisory Board, once it is confirmed as an agenda item for discussion.

In acknowledgement of requests for information around future admissions arrangements for the schools, including BCCS, we will publish additional

information over the coming weeks about the admissions consultations which would follow any DfE decision in favour of the proposal

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

Yours faithfully,

Cathedral Schools Trust