



BJS Federation of Schools
Executive Headteacher: Ms A.Parker BA hons, NPQH, NPQEL



Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Introducing Paragon Academy Community Trust (PACT)

On Tuesday, you received a letter from our Executive Headteacher, Ms Parker, informing you about the next important and exciting stage we are proposing in the development of The BJS Federation of Schools, comprising Bonneville, Jessop and Stockwell Primary Schools.

As the Governing Board, we are incredibly proud of what our three schools have achieved together. The Federation has developed considerably over recent years, with our schools working increasingly closely while continuing to retain the individual identities, strengths and community relationships that make each of them special.

The Governing Board has spent considerable time considering the future of our three schools and how best to protect their individual and collective success for the years ahead.

As a result, the Governing Board has agreed to proceed with the proposal to establish our own Multi-Academy Trust: **Paragon Academy Community Trust (PACT)**.

Subject to consultation, completion of the necessary legal and regulatory processes and approval from the Department for Education (DfE), it is proposed that Bonneville, Jessop and Stockwell Primary Schools will convert to academy status and together form **Paragon Academy Community Trust (PACT)** from **1 September 2027**.

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Why are we proposing this change?

Our decision to explore establishing PACT follows an extensive period of research, discussion and due diligence. We have considered the changing national education landscape, the opportunities and challenges associated with remaining as maintained schools, the financial and operational sustainability of our schools, and the importance of retaining greater influence over the decisions that affect their future.

At the heart of the proposal is our ambition to protect what already works well, strengthen the partnership between our three schools and create a sustainable structure that allows us to shape our own future.

The Governing Board considered a range of options before agreeing that establishing our own Multi-Academy Trust represents the strongest organisational structure for Bonneville, Jessop and Stockwell.

This is not about changing the character of our schools or moving away from the communities they serve. Rather, it is about creating a structure that protects their individual identities and strengths while allowing them to benefit from being part of a strong, locally rooted partnership.

Further information about why the Governing Board is proposing academy conversion, the options considered, what will and will not change, how PACT will operate and what the proposal could mean for pupils, families and staff can be found in the accompanying Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.

We encourage all parents and carers to read the FAQ, which will continue to be updated throughout the consultation period as further questions arise from our school communities.

What will happen during 2026–27?

The formal conversion work will take place during the 2026–27 academic year.

Throughout this period, our schools will continue to operate as The BJS Federation of Schools. For pupils and families, day-to-day school life will continue as normal.

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Much of the work taking place during this period will happen behind the scenes and will include stakeholder engagement and consultation, further due diligence, legal and financial work, establishing the governance arrangements for PACT and preparing the necessary administrative and operational structures.

There will also be a separate formal TUPE consultation with staff at the appropriate stage of the process.

Stakeholder Consultation

As part of the academy conversion process, the Governing Board will consult those who may have an interest in the proposed change of status. This includes our staff, parents and carers, pupils, the Local Authority and members of our wider school communities.

Our stakeholder consultation will run from **Tuesday 1 September to Wednesday 23 September 2026**.

We want this consultation to be meaningful. It is important that parents, carers and other stakeholders have sufficient information and time to understand the proposal before being asked to share their views.

Staff were informed of the proposal on Tuesday 1 September and had an opportunity to hear directly from the Executive Headteacher and the Chair of the Governing Board, Fiona Morris, as well as to ask questions.

Parents and carers have now received the initial communication from Ms Parker, and today we are sharing an updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document. This is a live document which will continue to be updated throughout the consultation as new questions arise through our conversations with staff, families and other stakeholders. New questions added to each version will be identified with an asterisk (*).

A digital survey will be distributed on **Wednesday 9 September**, giving parents, carers, staff and other interested stakeholders an opportunity to formally share their views on the proposal.

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The consultation is not simply about providing information. We want to hear your views, understand any concerns and respond to the questions you may have.

Engagement beyond our schools

The Governing Board has also begun engaging with key external stakeholders.

In July, the London Borough of Lambeth was informed of our intention to pursue academy conversion. The Local Authority is aware of the proposal and is supportive of our application. Our local Member of Parliament, Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, was also informed.

As the process develops, we will continue to engage with the Department for Education, the Local Authority and other relevant partners.

Our commitment to you

We recognise that a change of this significance will naturally generate questions. Some families may feel excited about the opportunities ahead, while others may initially feel uncertain about what academy status could mean for their school.

Both responses are entirely understandable.

Our commitment as a Governing Board is to ensure that this process is open, transparent and carefully considered.

We want you to have access to clear and accurate information and to have genuine opportunities to ask questions and express your views. Where questions arise that we believe would be helpful to the wider school community, we will add them to the FAQ so that everyone has access to the same information.

We would therefore encourage you to read the accompanying FAQ carefully.

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Consultation and Communication Timeline

Monday 13th July 2026

London Borough of Lambeth and Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP informed of the Governing Board's intention to pursue academy conversion.

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Staff informed and given an opportunity to hear about the proposal and ask questions.

Parents, carers and the wider school community informed by letter from the Executive Headteacher.

Friday 4th September 2026

Letter from the Governing Board and updated FAQ shared with families.

Wednesday 9th September 2026

Stakeholder consultation survey released.

Friday 11th September 2026

Updated FAQ published, incorporating further questions raised by stakeholders.

Friday 18th September 2026

Further FAQ update published.

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Stakeholder consultation closes.

Thursday 17th September 2026 5pm to 6pm at Bonneville Primary School

Stakeholder/community meeting to discuss the proposal, respond to questions and provide an update following the consultation period.

Following the close of the consultation, the Governing Board will consider the feedback received alongside the wider due diligence and information gathered as part of the process. We will communicate the next stages to our school communities following that consideration.

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The establishment of PACT represents a significant moment in the journey of our Federation. Our responsibility as governors is to consider not only what is right for our schools today, but what will protect their success, identity and sustainability for many years to come.

We believe this proposal provides an exciting opportunity to build on everything our schools have achieved together while ensuring that Bonneville, Jessop and Stockwell remain firmly rooted in, and accountable to, the communities they serve.

Thank you for your continued support, engagement and commitment to our schools. We look forward to hearing your views throughout the consultation period.

Yours sincerely,

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