



SILVER BIRCH
ACADEMY TRUST

Board asks Regional Schools Commissioner to move schools to a new Trust

The Board of Silver Birch Academy Trust has asked the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) to begin, with immediate effect, the process of re-brokering. This is where the RSC will ask another trust to take on one or more of our four schools (Winston Way Academy, Longshaw Primary Academy, Whittingham Primary Academy and Chingford Hall Primary Academy).

The Board is committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for pupils and, given the current situation, it believes that rebrokerage is the best decision. The Trust is working closely with the Department for Education (DfE) on all aspects of its future.

Re-brokerage is a structured process and is managed by the office of the RSC. The trust which requested the re-brokering cannot influence either the process or the choice of trust to which the school(s) is/are transferred. Clearly, all parties work as quickly as possible to minimise any disruption to the school(s) involved and the best interests of the children are paramount.

We appreciate this announcement will raise questions around individual schools. It is the board's intention to be as open and transparent as possible and to address as many of the questions being raised as we can, but we hope you will understand that we can't give you all the answers yet. A separate Question and Answer sheet accompanies this statement.

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