



Ryedale Learning Trust
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6th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers / Stakeholders

Consultation – Proposal that Ryedale Learning Trust merges with Areté Learning Trust

On 27th November, I wrote to explain that we have been exploring the benefits of a merger with the Trustees at the Areté Learning Trust. Further to this letter, I am now able to provide the following information regarding the consultation.

Areté Learning Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust of four schools in North Yorkshire. We are confident that there is close alignment between our trusts, both in terms of the communities we serve and our respective vision and values. Following extensive discussion and due diligence, the Board of Trustees have decided to formally consider whether a merger with the Areté Learning Trust will be in the best interests of the pupils and the staff within our respective trusts. Discussions so far have led us to believe that we would benefit from a partnership with Areté Learning Trust, and we would now like to consult more broadly with all stakeholders on this proposal to formalise our partnership.

How do I find out more?

Consultation will begin today, 6th December 2023, for a period of two weeks and will end at 3pm on 20th December 2023. This letter, together with the attached frequently asked questions document, provides you with some background information and we will publish these on our trust website.

How do I respond to the consultation?

The Trustees would very much like to hear your opinion. We have provided a consultation response form attached to this letter. Please complete and return this form if you wish to provide a written response to the consultation. Please email the completed form to stakeholderconsultation@ryedalelearningtrust.co.uk by the deadline of 3pm on 20th December 2023.

Yours sincerely,

David Dangerfield

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Ryedale Learning Trust

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Stakeholder Consultation Feedback Form

Proposal that that Ryedale Learning Trust merges with Areté Learning Trust

Please let us know your views regarding this proposal

Name:

School/Area:

Email:

Parent/Carer Other (please state)

Please use this box to provide any questions or comments you wish to be considered.

Your completed response form should be returned via email to staffconsultation@ryedalelearningtrust.co.uk by no later than **3pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023**. Please ensure the email subject box is entitled "Consultation response"

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the consultation.