

## **Q&A for Angel Road Primary School consultation**

### **Why are the schools being amalgamated?**

Angel Road Infant School and Angel Road Junior School have operated together on a single site since 2021. The proposed amalgamation would formalise this arrangement by creating one primary school, Angel Road Primary School, serving children from nursery through to Year 6. We believe this would provide greater continuity in education, curriculum planning, pastoral care and support for families, while helping the Trust plan for the school's long-term future.

### **Will the school move site?**

Currently, the schools will continue to operate from the infant school site. We are in talks with the Department for Education, Norfolk County Council and other parties about the long-term plans, and we hope to have an update before the end of summer 2027.

### **Will there be any staff redundancies?**

There is no current proposal to change staffing provision as part of this amalgamation. As with all schools, at Angel Road we continuously review our staffing requirements in line with current and future pupil numbers and need. If any changes were needed in the future, we would work well in advance to predict staffing requirements and manage our workforce planning accordingly.

### **Will children have to move schools?**

Our priority is to maintain continuity and minimise disruption for children. Children currently attending Angel Road Infant School would remain on the roll of the continuing school. Children attending Angel Road Junior School would need to apply for a place at Angel Road Primary School as part of the legal process, but the proposal includes sufficient capacity to accommodate all current junior pupils who wish to attend. Support would be provided to families throughout the admissions process.

### **What will happen to Angel Road Junior School?**

Under the proposal, Angel Road Junior School would formally close as a separately registered academy in 2029. However, junior education would continue as part of Angel Road Primary School. This is an administrative and legal change rather than the closure of junior-aged provision.

### **Why is this proposal being made now?**

The schools have been operating together on one site for several years and many families already experience them as a single school. The proposal would formally align the school's legal structure with how it currently operates in practice and support longer-term planning for teaching spaces and educational provision.

**What are the benefits of becoming a primary school?**

A single primary school would provide a continuous educational journey from nursery through to Year 6. Benefits include:

- Greater continuity for children and families.
- A more coherent curriculum across all age groups.
- Consistent pastoral care and support.
- Simpler leadership and governance arrangements.
- Improved long-term planning for the school's future development and accommodation needs.

**How can I share my views?**

We welcome all views on the proposal. You can respond:

By email: [L.delderfield@evolutionacademytrust.org.uk](mailto:L.delderfield@evolutionacademytrust.org.uk)

By post or hand delivery: Angel Road Infant School, 81 Angel Road, Norwich, NR3 3HR

**When will a final decision be made?**

Following the close of consultation, responses will be reviewed and a summary of findings will be published. If the Trust decides to proceed, a significant change application would then be submitted to the Department for Education for approval.

**Is the decision already made?**

No; this is a consultation on a proposal. The purpose of the consultation is to gather views from staff, parents, carers, governors and other stakeholders before any decision is made. We encourage everyone with an interest in the future of the school to share their views.

**Will governance arrangements change?**

Angel Road Primary School would remain part of Evolution Academy Trust. The Trust Board would continue to have overall accountability, and the current Local Governing Body arrangements would remain in place.

**What support is available if I have questions?**

If you have questions, need a paper copy of the consultation information, require information in another language or need an accessible format, please contact the school office or email [L.Delderfield@evolutionacademytrust.org.uk](mailto:L.Delderfield@evolutionacademytrust.org.uk).