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**Ref: Belmont First School**

Dear Mr Clark,

**Re: Recommendation for Amalgamation**

Following a consultation period the Governing Bodies of Belmont First and Middle schools met on 1 July to consider and vote on the future of the two schools. The difficulty in recruiting a head teacher for the First School was the trigger in considering amalgamation.

The consultation process included the following elements:

- Feasibility study
- Consultation document sent to all stakeholders, with an opportunity for all to complete and return a feedback form
- Parents were given an additional opportunity to meet with Governors one day after school
- Pupil opinion was sought and engaged through the coordination of the respective School Councils

On 1 July the Governors of both schools voted in favour of amalgamation and agreed upon the recommended start date for an amalgamated school of September 2009.

The reason for this was that the Governors felt the timing was right for the schools to combine and was in the best interest of the children, staff and all other stakeholders. All stakeholders were included in the consultation exercise and were generally favourable to the idea.

I understand that the next steps are to make formal representation to Cabinet ahead of their meeting in September and trust you will do this on our behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure to Cabinet report 18 September 2008  
Future Organisation of Belmont First School and Belmont Middle School

Tim Maton  
*Chair of Governors, Belmont First School.*