



**Park Grove**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Park Grove Rainbow Hub and Phoenix Nursery,

I am writing to let you know that you will receive a formal consultation letter on 8th June. This consultation will outline a proposal to merge Park Grove with Phoenix Nursery, creating a seamless provision for children from ages 2 to 11.

If this proposal goes ahead, the merger would not take place until January of next year. However, we wanted to reassure parents of children in the Rainbow Hub and Phoenix nursery straight away that this will not affect your child's education.

Our current, successful model will remain unchanged:

- Year 1 Children: Will continue to be taught separately for the core teaching input of all curriculum subjects—including Maths, Phonics, and Reading—in Yellow Class with Miss Whattam.
- Reception Children: Will continue to have their lessons in small groups, balanced with plenty of "free flow" time.
- Collaborative Play: We already regularly open our doors to Phoenix Nursery, allowing the Reception and Nursery children to free-flow between classes.

Our intention is to fully maintain this flexible model. At times, Reception will free-flow with Year 1; at other times, they will free-flow with Phoenix; and sometimes they will work simply as a single year group. None of this day-to-day structure will change.

For all children, daily routines stay the same, Mrs. Sawdon will continue in her trustee position at Phoenix while also beginning her new role leading Reception from September 26, regardless of whether the merger goes ahead. This shared leadership will significantly strengthen the continuity of care and education as your children progress through their early years.

We highly encourage you to read the upcoming consultation letter thoroughly and share your feedback with us during the process.

Best wishes,

**Jo Sawyer**  
*Headteacher, Park Grove*

**Sally Sawdon**  
*Manager and Trustee, Phoenix Nursery*



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