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Dear Parents, Carers and members of our local community,

Re: Academy Consultation – Hamer Community Primary School and Altus Education Partnership

I am writing to inform you that the Governing Board of Hamer Community Primary School is beginning a formal consultation on the proposal for our school to join the Altus Education Partnership Multi-Academy Trust (ALTUS).

For over two years, we have been working closely with ALTUS Multi-Academy Trust under a Trust Partnership Agreement, along with several other Rochdale Primary Schools. This has been a highly successful and productive period, built on a shared ethos, vision, strong communication, and a clear understanding of what we want for our pupils and school communities whilst ensuring the very best academic and personal outcomes for all of our children. During this time, Hamer Governors and staff have also met with members of the Trust, to understand how the partnership could continue to support our long-term development.

I want to reassure you that Hamer Community Primary School will continue to retain its autonomy, identity and staff team, all of which are extremely important to us and remain at the heart of our decision-making.

Benefits we believe membership of Altus Education Partnership would bring include:

- Closer collaborative working between strong educational institutions and a skilled Trust team, enabling staff to share expertise and further raise standards for all of our children.
- Securing best value for money on products and services, achieving greater economies of scale so that more of our funding can be directed into classrooms and curriculum support.
- Expert and effective support from the Trust's central teams at a time when Local Authority services and capacity are increasingly limited due to budget pressures.
- Retaining our identity and autonomy, ensuring the nature, character, and effectiveness of our school remains unchanged.
- Increased opportunities for the Trust to apply for grants and funding streams that are not available to schools maintained by the Local Authority.
- Greater opportunities for collaborative working with a wide range of schools in other Trusts and Local Authority areas, strengthening professional development and improving educational outcomes for all local children.

The Altus Education Partnership currently consists of:

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- Rochdale Sixth Form College
- Kingsway Park High School
- Edgar Wood Academy
- Bamford Academy
- Caldershaw Primary School

We are one of three local primary schools entering the consultation stage at this time.

Consultation Process:

The consultation will begin on Monday 24 November 2025 and will close on Monday 15 December 2025.

During this period:

- A letter and QR code link to a questionnaire will be sent to members of our school and local community, inviting responses.
- We will publish answers to questions received (FAQs) on our school website and update these regularly. Some initial FAQs are included with this letter and are already available on the Academy Consultation section of our website.
- If you have any further questions not addressed in the FAQs, please contact us at: office@hamer.rochdale.sch.uk

We value your views and encourage all parents and carers to engage with the consultation.

Please scan the QR code below to access the questionnaire:



Richard Ronksley, ALTUS CEO, will be in school from 2.30pm on Thursday 27th November if any parents would like to say hello, or ask any questions not previously covered in our FAQ's sheet. You would be very welcome.

Further information about ALTUS Education Partnership can be found online at: <https://www.altusep.com>

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support of Hamer Community Primary School. We are proud of our wonderful school, and we are committed to ensuring that we provide the very best for our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

V Terry (Headteacher)

G Lowe (Chair of Governors)