

## Bellfield Infant & Bellfield Junior Schools amalgamation – FAQs

<b>Q</b>	<b>Why are the schools amalgamating?</b>
<b>A</b>	The amalgamation aims to create a stronger, more efficient, and resourceful organization. By combining resources, expertise, and governance, the new organization will be better equipped to support the schools, drive improvements in educational outcomes, and ensure long-term sustainability.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What impact will the amalgamation have on school funding?</b>
<b>A</b>	The amalgamation is expected to bring efficiencies and greater financial stability. By combining resources, the new organization will be better positioned to access funding opportunities, negotiate better terms with suppliers, and share costs across schools. This will allow for more effective financial planning and greater investment in key areas such as teaching and learning, school infrastructure, and staff development.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Who will lead the new School?</b>
<b>A</b>	The leadership team will consist of experienced professionals from the amalgamating organizations. Specific roles and individuals will be announced in due course.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Will there be any changes to the curriculum?</b>
<b>A</b>	The core aim of the amalgamation is to strengthen educational provision across all schools. The curriculum will remain broad and balanced, but the amalgamation may offer new opportunities for sharing best practices, developing resources, and providing pupils with more diverse learning experiences.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How will parents and the community be informed about the amalgamation process?</b>
<b>A</b>	Regular updates will be provided through newsletters, meetings, and the organization's website. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend information sessions and provide feedback throughout the process.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What are the long-term benefits of the amalgamation?</b>
<b>A</b>	The long-term benefits include improved educational outcomes, greater financial stability, enhanced collaboration, and a stronger, more resilient organization capable of adapting to future challenges.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How will the classrooms at both sites be ready for their changing age groups?</b>
<b>A</b>	We anticipate that the classrooms will remain largely unchanged. Any changes we may propose in future would be managed appropriately in terms of furniture and other changes. .

Q	<b>Will my child still have the same teacher if they move site?</b>
A	This will continue to work in the way it always has in the past for both schools. As the amalgamation will take effect in September 2026, it will be the start of a new school year and your child is likely to have a new teacher. We usually keep the classes together but sometimes, when there is a good reason to do so, we mix the classes in a year group. This will be unaffected by amalgamation.
Q	<b>Will the school logo change and will I need a new school uniform? (school to give guidance)</b>
A	As the two schools have different jumpers/cardigans and different logos, we will work towards having a new logo. However, we recognise that it is not easy for everyone to buy new uniform so your child will be welcome to wear their current uniform until they grow out of it. We will involve our children in the design of the new logo.
Q	<b>Will there be a new governing board?</b>
A	The two separate governing boards will dissolve and there will be a new interim board established from the existing governors of both schools during the period prior to amalgamation. The permanent arrangements for the amalgamated school will be decided by the interim board in consultation with the Local Authority.
Q	<b>Will the school have a new name?</b>
A	This will be decided if the proposal to amalgamate is approved. It may just become Bellfield Primary School. The Governing Bodies will decide in consultation with the Local Authority.
Q	<b>Will my child have a place at the amalgamated school?</b>
A	Yes – all children enrolled at Bellfield Infant School or Bellfield Junior School will automatically be enrolled at the amalgamated school. The parents are not required to do anything.