



9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Help Shape the Future of Our School

As you know, Vermont School is preparing to join Special Schools Trust (SST) as part of our academy conversion. This represents an exciting new chapter for our school and an opportunity to build on everything that makes Vermont such a special place for our pupils and families.

Throughout this process, our priority remains unchanged: providing the very best education, care and support for every child and young person in our school.

Introducing Bay Tree School

As part of our transition into SST Special Schools Trust, it is proposed that Vermont School will become Bay Tree School.

The name has been chosen carefully and reflects both our school's individual identity and our future as part of the SST family of special schools.

The Trust's other schools include Rosewood School and Great Oaks School, and Bay Tree provides a natural connection between the schools while allowing each to retain its own distinctive identity.

More importantly, the Bay Tree has qualities that we feel strongly reflect our pupils and our aspirations for them.

The Bay Tree is evergreen and is associated with resilience, growth, strength and achievement. These are qualities we see in our pupils every day.

At Bay Tree School, we want every child and young person to be supported to grow, flourish and achieve in their own way, developing the confidence, resilience and independence they need for their future.

Help Us Shape Our New Identity

While the name Bay Tree School has been agreed in principle as part of the academy conversion process, we want our pupils, families and staff to play an important part in shaping what our new school will look like.

We have developed a number of possible logo designs for Bay Tree School and would really value your views.

We would like you to look at the proposed designs and tell us:

- which logo you prefer;
- which design you feel best represents our pupils and school community; and
- any comments or suggestions you would like us to consider.

You can view the proposed logos and share your views here: [Voting Form](#)

If you are unable to access the link, paper copies will be available at reception.

The consultation will close at 9am on Friday 23rd October 2026.

We will also be involving our pupils and staff so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute.

Once the consultation has closed, we will consider all of the feedback received and share the outcome with our school community. The feedback will help inform the final visual identity adopted for Bay Tree School.

Our School, Our Community, Our Future

A new name does not change the relationships, values and commitment that make our school what it is today. Instead, Bay Tree School will build on that strong foundation as we begin the next chapter of our journey.

We hope that our new identity will be something our pupils are proud to see on their school uniform, around their school and within their community.

Most importantly, we want it to represent a school in which every pupil is valued, supported and given the opportunity to flourish.

We hope you will take a few minutes to look at the designs and share your views with us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our pupils and our school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KMoss', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kelly Moss
Interim Head of School