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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, Ark Burlington Danes Primary Academy and Ark Swift Primary Academy began a consultation on a proposal to form one school from September 2023. The school, which is proposed to be called Ark White City Primary Academy, would be located in the new school building being built as part of the EdCity development.

The proposal is in response to the growing over supply of primary school places in Hammersmith and Fulham. Across the borough, there are now nearly 20% more places than pupils, a significantly larger gap than the London average, caused by a combination of a falling birth rate, reduced migration into the city and, more recently, the impact of the pandemic.

As part of the consultation, it is being proposed to name the merged primary school, along with Ark Conway and Ark Bentworth, as feeder schools to Ark Burlington Danes Academy from September 2023.

The consultation will last for six weeks – running from Monday 1st November to Sunday 12th December. At the end of the consultation, a report will be submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) who will make the final decision by March 2022.

Further information on the proposal can be found on the consultation [website](#).

With best wishes,

Karinne Faddy

Head of School