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Academies Transfer to Mulberry Schools Trust

The Regional Director (RD) for the South East, Dame Kate Dethridge, has received a proposal from the University of Brighton Academies Trust (UBAT) to transfer the following academies to another trust:

- The Hastings Academy
- The St Leonards Academy
- West St Leonards Primary Academy
- The Baird Primary Academy
- Silverdale Primary Academy

This is because UBAT has decided to close. Mulberry Schools Trust has been provisionally identified as the most suitable trust to manage the school going forward.

The proposal will now be considered by Dame Kate Dethridge. An agenda listing upcoming decisions will be available on the South East Advisory Board webpage here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/south-east-advisory-board>.

Prior to the Regional Director making a final decision as to whether Mulberry Schools Trust is the right trust for the above schools, she will consider any representations received from the public.

Representations can be submitted here: rg.se@education.gov.uk. Following a final decision, there will then be an opportunity for stakeholders to meet with the incoming trust and ask questions about the transfer.

You can get involved in two ways:

1. Representations inbox

If you have any queries/comments about an item for discussion on the advisory board (AB) agenda, you can email the representations inbox. In your email please include:

- What is your relationship to the school?
- The current proposal is for The Hastings Academy, The St Leonards Academy, West St Leonards Primary Academy, The Baird Primary Academy, Silverdale

Primary Academy to be transferred to Mulberry Schools Trust. What are your views on that option?

- Are there any further comments you would like to make regarding the schools' futures?

Please email your responses to rg.se@education.gov.uk. The deadline for responses is Thursday 9 October.

We will not usually provide individual responses to representations received. Following the advisory board's consideration, a summary of discussion and decision will be published in the meeting minutes at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/south-east-advisory-board>.

2. Stakeholder engagement meeting

Once a final decision is taken on about which trust is the right trust to transfer the academy to, you will be invited to attend a meeting being held by the incoming trust. This will be an opportunity to hear more about the chosen trust and its plans for the school, the transfer, and to ask questions and share your views. You will be contacted once a decision is made.