

Dear Parent / Carer

As you will be aware, your child's school is part of the Northern Lights Learning Trust. We are delighted to share that Dayspring Trust, comprised of Ian Ramsey CE Secondary Academy and Venerable Bede CE Secondary Academy, has now formally merged to be part of Northern Lights Learning Trust. We are excited about this opportunity to work together and the opportunities it will bring to our young people and staff.

Both trusts bring a wealth of expertise, with Dayspring working in the secondary school sector and Northern Lights in the primary and early years sector.

Our trust now consists of the following 7 schools across the three Local Authorities of Hartlepool, Stockton-on-Tees and Sunderland:

Benedict Biscop CE Academy, Sunderland
Hart Primary, Hartlepool
Holley Park Academy, Sunderland
Ian Ramsey CE Academy, Stockton-on-Tees
St Helen's Primary, Hartlepool
St Peter's Elwick CofE Primary, Hartlepool
Venerable Bede CE Academy, Sunderland

In addition, Northern Lights is also one of only 87 DfE Teaching School Hubs nationally as well as being one of only 2 DfE Early Years Hubs in the North East. In total, we will be serving over 3000 pupils aged from 2 to 16.

We all know that partnerships encourage stronger support, innovation and opportunity, and we are excited to be part of the same family of schools that can provide the best for our pupils and communities.

We look forward to working together in partnership as we move forward in this new chapter of our journey.

Yours sincerely,

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CEO

Northern Lights Learning Trust