



## New School Names

July 2021

Dear parent/carer and guardian,

Following our letter in May confirming that the Department for Education had approved the Trust's plans to convert Faringdon Infant School and Faringdon Junior School to all-through primaries, we can now confirm the new names of the schools as chosen by them.

Message from Faringdon Infant Schools Headteacher, Sally Robins:

*After many years of waiting, we are beginning to see the reality of our new school site get underway! We are very excited to see the ground being prepared and the plans taking shape for our new Primary School.*

*Staff, governors and children were invited to contribute ideas and thoughts about a fitting name for our new school, and we are delighted to announce that from September 2022, as we embark on our Primary journey, we will be **Folly View Primary School**. We had a lot of feedback about the significance of the Folly for our town, and the name was inspired by this, along with the actual view across to the Folly from the new site.*

Message from Faringdon Junior Schools Headteacher, Sharon Farrell:

*We are excited to announce that when Faringdon Junior School converts to an all through primary from September 2022 our new school's name will be, **The Elms Primary School**.*

*The staff, governors and pupils have spent some time considering the name, but the overwhelming favourite was The Elms based on the historical connections to our buildings and the Faringdon community.*

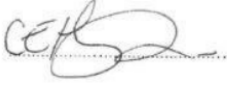
*The Elms house was built in the early to middle 1700's and was owned by Lord Berners before becoming a school. In 1920 the Faringdon Estate entered into an agreement with Berkshire County Council to lease out the building known as the Elms with its gardens, stables, and outhouses, including an adjoining paddock and right of passage through the gates at the end of the roadway and a passage leading from Gloucester Street. In 1944 it became Faringdon Grammar School for Girls. This school was formerly known as the Elms and even after becoming a county grammar school for day pupils some townsfolk still referred to it as the Elms.*

Now the names have been chosen, the schools are starting to develop logos to go with them.



As previously mentioned the Trust and schools will continue to keep you all updated via the Trust website <https://faringdonlearningtrust.org/> as this journey continues.

Yours faithfully,



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On behalf of the FLT Trustees



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