



COTSWOLD BEACON
ACADEMY TRUST

Marling School - CBAT consultation

Trustees at Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust (CBAT) are now consulting on the proposal for CBAT to merge with Lift Schools. Following a period of strategic review, trustees have identified that CBAT's four schools would benefit from being part of a larger network of schools, with greater school improvement and operational capacity. Since the summer term of 2025, all CBAT schools, including Marling, have been working in formal partnership with Lift Schools, benefiting from strong school improvement support while we have discussed the terms of transfer with the Department for Education (DfE).

What happens next?

We are now running a public stakeholder consultation on the proposal for Marling School to transfer from CBAT to Lift Schools. It is proposed that the school would transfer on 1st September 2026. The consultation runs from Thursday 7th of May at 9am until Friday 22nd of May at 3pm.

As part of this process we will run a Public Stakeholder Event. This will be an opportunity for you to hear from CBAT trustees and leaders at the school about the proposal and to hear from representatives from Lift Schools also. This will take place at Marling School on Tuesday, 19 May 2026, at 4:30 pm. Should you wish to attend the Public Stakeholder event or book an appointment to meet with Lift, then, please email liftconsultation@marling.school to confirm your interest and register your attendance.

Further information about Lift Schools can be found [here](#).

You can register your response to the proposal via this [link](#).