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5th October 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

Consultation on a proposal for Kobi Nazrul School to join the Weavers' Federation
Also, the potential merger of William Davis School with Stewart Headlam School (as part of the Weavers' Federation)

We are writing to inform you that a consultation is being launched to consider the possibility of William Davis School merging with Stewart Headlam School on the Stewart Headlam site in Tapp Street and the possibility of Kobi Nazrul School joining the Weavers' Federation.

The Weavers' Federation includes Swanlea School, Stewart Headlam School and Hague School.

The purpose of the consultation is to gather the views of parents, carers, staff and the wider school communities before any decisions are made. At this stage, Kobi Nazrul School joining the Weavers Federation and William Davis merging with Stewart Headlam are only proposals. We recognise that this is an important matter and that members of our community will have questions or concerns about what it could mean for pupils, families and staff.

The consultation will explore the potential benefits, challenges and practical implications of joining the Weavers' Federation. These include further strengthening the quality and breadth of education available to pupils:

- pupils' wellbeing and continuity of learning, particularly for pupils with SEND
- leadership, staffing and governance
- our schools' identity, ethos and community relationships
- the school site, admissions and day-to-day arrangements
- the long-term sustainability of quality education for the community

The consultation will run from October 5th until 20th November. A consultation document providing further information about the proposal and the reasons it is being considered is attached and is also available on the Swanlea School website - https://swanlea.co.uk/main/weavers-federation. The document will contain: this letter, the PowerPoint for parents and staff, the proposal document, and the FAQs list.

We warmly encourage everyone to take part. You can share your views by:

- completing the consultation questionnaire at https://forms.gle/PYyLvdpEC9CVtj2c8
- Emailing: consultation@swanlea.co.uk
- collecting and returning a paper response to the school office

- attending a parent / carer meeting on 14th October at 2.30pm with the Executive Headteacher
  attending a staff consultation meeting on Wednesday 14th October at 4pm
- both meetings will be held at Swanlea School and will give stakeholders an opportunity to raise questions, queries and comments with Dr. Helen Jenner, the independent advisor supporting governors and the Local Authority to consider these proposals.

During the consultation we will keep a Frequently Asked Questions record to make sure we have considered everyone's queries. The first version of this is attached with this letter. There will be further opportunities for discussion throughout the consultation period.

These include:

- open zoom meetings with Dr. Helen Jenner, (9th Nov 6pm, 10th Nov 9am)
- coffee mornings
- talking with Senior Leaders

Please submit your consultation response **by 5.30pm on 20th November 2026**.

All responses will be carefully considered. Following the consultation, the findings will be reviewed and a report will be prepared for the schools' governing bodies, who will decide whether to ask Tower Hamlets Council to publish statutory notices regarding the proposal to merge William Davis with Stewart Headlam School, and whether to re-constitute the Weavers' Federation to include Kobi Nazrul School. We will keep families and staff informed throughout the process and explain the next steps once the consultation has concluded.

We hope you will feel these are exciting, positive proposals. We are committed to conducting the consultation openly, listening carefully and ensuring that the best interests of pupils, staff and parents and carers remain at the heart of the process.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to contribute your views.

Yours faithfully,

Mr K Miah
Executive Headteacher
Weavers' Federation

Ms S Fanning-Tichborne
Chair of Governors
Weavers' Federation

Attachments:
Consultation Document
Frequently Asked Questions
School specific perspectives