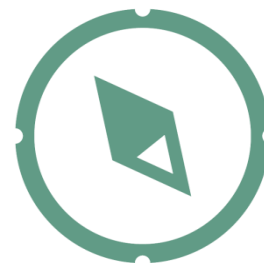


# The Compass Partnership of Schools

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Dear Parent and Carers,

The Trustees of The Compass Partnership of Schools recently received a request from the Governors of John Ray Infant School, Essex for their school to join The Compass Partnership. John Ray Infants is a local authority maintained primary school in Braintree, Essex. They have made a request to our Trustees for the school to convert to Compass and become an academy within our Trust this year. It will be for the Regional Director at the Department for Education to decide whether this is in the best interests of both the school and our Trust, and she will look at all aspects of the request and consider a wide range of evidence to enable her to reach a decision.

We are very excited by this opportunity as it gives us a chance to work closely with a strong school in the Braintree locality and to further enhance the quality of education across all our communities – particularly for the shared community of John Ray Juniors and John Ray Infants. Compass is well placed to grow in this way as we have built leadership capacity that can adapt to an increased number of schools. Our Braintree hub of schools works incredibly well and transferring John Ray Infants into our Trust will benefit everyone as we share knowledge and expertise and make the absolute best use of all available resources. We know John Ray Infants well and they will make an excellent partner, bringing new strengths and expertise to our group of schools.

You can find out more information about the school here: [John Ray Infant School - Home](#)

It is important that we seek the views of our school communities. If you have any thoughts or questions then please email us at [consultation@compassps.uk](mailto:consultation@compassps.uk) and we will collate the questions raised and respond to them all.

It is testament to you and everyone in the Compass team that John Ray Infants has made this request to join Compass.

Thank you.

John Camp

**Chief Executive Officer**

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**Chair of Trustees**