



Bradford Academy

Proposal to change the Lower Age Limit for entry to Bradford Academy.

Bradford Academy has recently sent an 'Expression of Interest' to the Department for Children, Schools and Families to become an 'All through Academy'. This proposal means that the school will start admitting primary age pupils in 2010.

The Local Authority has indicated a need for further primary provision in the locality and supports the proposal and was a joint signatory to the 'Expression of Interest' with the Sponsor members of the Academy Trust.

The Academy Trust will consider your comments on these proposals in February 2010 when they will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposal as set out in the Expression of Interest which is available on the Academy Website www.bradfordacademy.co.uk and is summarised in the attached document.

Please read this document and take the opportunity to give your opinions on the proposed lowering of the age limit for admitting pupils to Bradford Academy.

A public consultation meeting at Bradford Academy has been arranged on Monday 25th January 2010, 7.00pm (refreshments will be available at 6.30pm).

If you require the contents of any of the information posted on the website interpreted or translated into one of the community languages or if you need them adapting onto tape, Braille, large print or other formats, please email: primaryconsultation@bradfordacademy.co.uk or telephone us on 01274 256789.

Yours sincerely

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WHY?

The current estimates for primary places in the catchment areas for Bradford Academy show that there will be an increase in places required over the next few years and the provision of two form of entry primary provision (420 places) would contribute as part of the solution to this issue alongside other options being considered at this time.

In Bradford East Primary schools current capacity (excluding Nursery numbers) is 3302. A further 139 places will be required in September 2010 rising to 435 by 2013.

In Bradford South Primary schools current capacity (excluding Nursery numbers) is 2626 and while no further places are required in this area in 2010 there will be a requirement for 83 places in 2011 rising to 460 required by 2013.

As can be seen from the above figures there is a significant shortfall in primary provision in the localities covered by Bradford Academy.

Background

Bradford Academy has established links with its local feeder primary schools and is a full partner in the South Bradford Confederation of schools. It is committed to working to develop locality working and playing its full part in community development, therefore reflecting the sponsors' commitment in this area.

The Academy believes in high standards for all learners and proposes to extend our track record of excellence, innovation and effective approaches to raising standards and providing learning enriched throughout with Citizenship with Enterprise to the primary phase.

Bradford Academy's strong outward facing community role, citizenship and inclusive ethos and values would be developed at an earlier stage and maintained throughout the learners' school careers. The personalised teaching and learning provision will be planned from early years learning through to post 16.

The enhanced continuity and coherence which will be provided within the 'All-through Academy' will smooth the social, emotional and academic bridges that are essential to



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ensure that progress is maintained between phases. This will significantly moderate the risks associated with the more traditional transition process.

In addition, the 'All-through Academy' offers the opportunity to break out from traditional year group structures so that needs of the individual learner can be readily met. Students progress according to stage that they are at in their development, rather than their age. At the same time, students will have increased opportunities to benefit from peer support systems, which will act as a means of both supporting the curriculum and promoting important values.

Where?

It is proposed that the accommodation for the primary pupils will be on the existing site of Bradford Academy. Outline planning permission exists for a building footprint of a similar area to that required (although planning permission will be required). Discussions are continuing to resolve issues around the buildings including additional drainage and land ownership through which additional vehicular access could be provided.

The £5 million cost of providing this provision will be met through the Local Authority Primary Capital programme.

The first intake of 60 pupils plus nursery provision is proposed for September 2010 with the provision growing to its full size over the next few years and will be at capacity in 2016.

How can you contribute?

Any comments on this proposal must be clearly marked "**Consultation**" and sent in writing by 25 February 2010:

- (i) By post to: Gareth Dawkins (Principal), Primary Consultation, Bradford Academy, Teasdale Street, Bradford, BD4 7QJ.
- (ii) By email to: primaryconsultation@bradfordacademy.co.uk

The full Expression of Interest submitted to the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Admission Policy for the Academy can be found on the Bradford Academy Web Site at www.bradfordacademy.co.uk

This consultation will run until 25 February 2010 after which the comments received will be considered by the Academy Trust at which time a decision will be made whether or not to progress with the proposals as outlined above.



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