

26th September 2023

Dear Colleague

Re: Dales Academies Trust - Consultation for the proposal to open a new Primary free school for children in Northallerton – Oakbridge Church of England Primary School

In May 2021 North Yorkshire Council and the Department for Education approved our application to move forward to the pre-opening phase of a new Primary free school in North Northallerton, Oakbridge Church of England Primary School, for children aged 4-11. The proposed site for the school is on Alvertune Road, Northallerton, and as partner agencies working closely with educational institutions in the area, we wanted to share as much detail as we can as early as possible in the process.

We are now entering the next phase of this exciting journey and we are looking to create a new school which will prepare pupils for new and exciting learning opportunities. The education offer will be varied, have a focus on ensuring children are exposed to a rich and varied curriculum that meets all individual needs. The overarching aim will be to engage all pupils in their learning.

Under section 10 of the Academies Act 2010, the Trust is required to consult with stakeholders on our proposals for the new school and as a result this letter and its supporting literature outline two key areas of our consultation activity:

1. Further detail on where and how you can find out more about our proposed new free school including information on the curriculum offer, the site and key policies such as admissions and safeguarding
2. Planned events and activities to encourage feedback on our proposals, particularly with regards to whether you believe the Secretary of State should enter into a funding agreement with the Trust to open the proposed new school

As a key stakeholder in the process, we would be keen to hear your views on the proposal and answer any questions you may have. All information you supply will be treated as confidential unless you volunteer your personal details and request a response to a query and/or would like a copy of our final report and findings sending to you on conclusion of the statutory consultation.

How do I find out more?

Enclosed with this letter is a consultation leaflet which shares further detail on our vision for the school, our education offer and admissions policy, as well as detail on our proposed site for the new school.

There are a number of events and meetings taking place which you would be most welcome to attend. To find out more please log on to oakbridge.dalesmat.org/consultation for a copy of the latest schedule.

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A meeting has been arranged for partner agencies and colleagues who have a direct responsibility for education and child welfare across Northallerton and neighbouring local authorities, details are as follows:

Thursday 19th October at 2.45pm at The Forum, Bullamoor Road, Northallerton DL6 1LP

You can also go online at oakbridge.dalesmat.org/consultation to find further details on our plans, school policies and to respond to our online questionnaire.

If you are unable to attend our meetings but would like a conversation with us, then please email newschool@oakbridge.dalesmat.org or call us on 03301 242618 to arrange a suitable time.

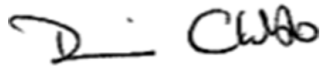
When do I need to feedback by?

Our consultation runs from 9th October to 26th November 2023, and we hope to issue our final report and findings no later than January 2024.

Ongoing communications about the school will be kept up to date on our website oakbridge.dalesmat.org

We look forward to hearing your views and working with you to support the development of our new school going forward.

Yours sincerely



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