

## **Washwood Heath Multi Academy Trust**

### **Consultation on the Proposal to Make a Physical Expansion of the Premises of**

### **Saltley Academy**

Washwood Heath Multi Academy Trust is proposing to make a significant change to Saltley Academy, Belchers Lane, Bordesley Green, Birmingham B9 5RX, by physically expanding the premises to provide capacity for 1350 pupils.

#### **Background**

Saltley Academy was opened in March 2015 and is part of the Washwood Heath Academy Multi-Academy Trust. The Washwood Heath Multi-Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority for Saltley Academy. The Trust has a strong community focus and is committed to serving the parents and children of its local area. This includes meeting the demand for pupil places.

Saltley Academy caters for pupils aged 11 to 16. The Academy has capacity for 1050 pupils (210 in each year group). In September 2017 and 2018, the Academy set a Published Admission Number of 240 pupils in Year 7, to meet the demand for school places in the local area. The Academy will also offer 240 places in Year 7 in September 2019.

In Spring 2018, the Academy consulted on a proposal to expand the premises to enable it to **continue** taking 240 pupils each year. Following the initial consultation period, the Academy agreed with Birmingham City Council to consult on proposals to provide an **additional** 30 places, 270 in Year 7, from September 2020.

Birmingham City Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for children resident in Birmingham, of statutory school age. To achieve this, the council has to keep the number of school places under regular review and to take the appropriate steps to manage the position where necessary. The Academy Trust has developed this proposal in consultation with the Council, with the aim of meeting the needs of families with secondary aged pupils in the local area. The proposal will not have a negative impact on other provision within the area.

#### **The Proposal**

To make a physical expansion of the premises, to increase the capacity from 1050 places to 1350 places (270 pupils in each year) from September 2020.

Saltley Academy submitted an expression of interest to Birmingham City Council to provide additional pupil places to meet demand in the local area. This will require an expansion to the premises. Birmingham City Council

approved the application in principle and will be working with the Academy to seek further approvals and deliver the proposed building expansion project.

Remodelling work is proposed in the existing accommodation and an area has been identified for the building of an extension to the Academy for additional teaching and ancillary spaces that will be required to implement the proposal.

It is proposed that the Academy will continue to offer 240 places at Year 7 in September 2019 and to offer 270 places in September 2020. The Academy will then increase in size year on year, so that the number of pupils on roll at the Academy will grow to 1350 by September 2024.

The table below outlines the proposed programme for admission, although the Local Authority may request the Academy to open up places earlier than anticipated to meet in-year demand.

<b>September</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2018</b>	240	240	210	210	210	1110
<b>2019</b>	240	240	240	210	210	1140
<b>2020</b>	270	240	240	240	210	1200
<b>2021</b>	270	270	240	240	240	1260
<b>2022</b>	270	270	270	240	240	1290
<b>2023</b>	270	270	270	270	240	1320
<b>2024</b>	270	270	270	270	270	1350

### **Admissions Arrangements**

The Published Admission Number for September 2018 is: 240 places.

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The Published Admission Number for September 2020 is proposed to be: 270 places.

The current oversubscription criteria for admission to the Academy, which is used when more places are applied for than are available, will remain the same.

Details of the admissions criteria and how to make an application for a place can be found on the school website or on the Birmingham City Council website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

### **Objectives**

The Academy is passionate about providing a high standard of education for all of its students and to the continual development of the Academy provision to achieve this. The proposal will:

- Provide additional school places. Birmingham City Council has identified a basic need for school places in the area.
- Enable increased flexibility in the organisation of learning, sizes of teaching groups and methods of teaching to improve teaching and learning outcomes.
- Provide increased opportunities for the professional development of staff and for them to take on new responsibilities, which will help build in succession planning and the retention of good teachers.
- Provide more opportunity for staff to share best practice, which will have a positive impact on pupil's progress.

### **School Building Implications**

The existing Academy will need to be extended and adapted to accommodate the additional provision.

The Academy will accommodate pupils in September 2019 in existing and temporary accommodation, whilst a permanent solution is built to accommodate additional students from September 2020. The plans for the building will be available to view at the consultation meeting, details below.

The capital funding for the building work will be provided through the Birmingham City Council Basic Need Programme.

Pupil's safety during building work will be a priority and the Academy will endeavour to minimise any disruption to pupils' education.

### **Consultation Period**

The period of consultation will run from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 until 5pm on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Please read this consultation document and tell us what your views are. A consultation response form is available on the Academy website at: [www.saltleyacademy.co.uk/consultation](http://www.saltleyacademy.co.uk/consultation).

Alternatively you can write to the Washwood Heath Multi-Academy Trust, in a sealed envelope clearly marked '**Saltley Places Consultation**' on the front. The address is: Washwood Heath Multi-Academy Trust, c/o Saltley Academy, Belchers Lane, Birmingham B9 5RX.

Emails should be sent to [academy@saltley.bham.sch.uk](mailto:academy@saltley.bham.sch.uk) with the subject 'Saltley Places Consultation'.

A consultation drop in meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm to 6pm**, at Saltley Academy to discuss any queries you may have and to receive comments on the proposal.

Following consideration of the feedback from the consultation, the Trustees will decide whether to continue with the proposals. If the decision is not to continue, then no further action will be taken. If the decision is to continue with the proposal, then the academy will seek approval from the Secretary of State, through the Regional Schools Commissioner, to make the necessary changes.