



1 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Governors

We write to inform you that West Grantham C of E Primary Academy is now actively pursuing the proposal to move of all pupils to a single site. If successful, we would aim for this process to be completed by September 2023.

We would like to provide you with as much information as possible regarding the changes, which we believe will be in the best interests of all the pupils.

The first stage of the process is to agree the admission arrangements of the academy with effect from September 2023.

The academy currently has a published admission number (PAN) of 60 and a capacity of 420 across the two sites, although there are currently fewer than 300 at the academy. The proposal is to have all pupils on one site, in one school with a new capacity of 315 and a PAN of 45 to ensure that the needs of the local community can still be met. The academy will therefore need to change the admission arrangements to reduce the published admission number (PAN) to 45.

The premises on the lower site does not currently have the capacity for all the pupils in the academy and will therefore need to be extended. The proposal involves Lincolnshire County Council building two additional classrooms and hard play area at the lower site in exchange for the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham MAT leasing the upper site to Community Inclusive Trust (CIT). This will enable Ambergate Sports College to be extended to effectively accommodate pupils with special educational needs in Grantham as part of Lincolnshire's county-wide reorganisation of specialist school provision.

Under this proposal the playing field land at the upper site (former Earl of Dysart) Dysart Road, Grantham NG31 7LP will remain in use as playing field land and the whole site will continue to be used for educational purposes as part of Ambergate Sports College. The current lower site (former Spitalgate) Trent Road Grantham NG31 7XQ will become the new home of all year groups from Reception to Year 6 in a single primary school continuing as West Grantham C of E Primary Academy.

The Trust envisages that accommodating all the pupils at the academy on a single site will provide educational, well-being and practical benefits for both pupils and staff. The changes will also benefit the wider SEND community by enabling Ambergate Sports College to expand within Grantham.

What happens next?

We are now entering a consultation period running from 1 November 2021 to 13 December 2021. During this period, we will be consulting with parents/carers, students, staff, the Local Authority, and the local community regarding the proposals to:

- change the admissions arrangement
- reduce the capacity of the academy and
- dispose of the land and buildings of the upper site to CIT.

We plan to hold a public meeting to provide more information and the opportunity for you to ask questions of the Governing Body, the Headteacher and representatives from the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham Multi-academy Trust. This will take place on Tuesday 16 November at 4.30pm on the lower site. If you are planning to attend, can you please inform the main office by email to office@wgpa.smat.org.uk or telephone 01476 563963.

All parents and carers are also asked to complete and return the attached consultation response form to the academy office by 6.00pm on 13 December 2021.

We hope you have found this letter useful and that it provides answers to some of your immediate questions. We expect this opportunity to be incredibly beneficial to the staff and students at the school and we are looking to you to support us in our journey.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Anna Martin
Executive Principal



Mr Martin O'Connell
Chair of Governors