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EASTERN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

KING'S LYNN ACADEMY

## **Consultation on Proposal to add an Alternative Provision Centre at King's Lynn Academy, Queen Mary Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Norfolk, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.**

### **Our Proposal**

Eastern Multi-Academy Trust would like to hear your views on our proposal for King's Lynn Academy to formalise its Forward Step provision into a 32 place Alternative Provision Centre (AP Centre) from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

Our proposed AP Centre will be located on the school site where our current 'Forward Step' provision is established to create an enabling environment for learners in a bespoke accommodation base.

The proposal will also be supported by a recurrent funding agreement to support a specialist staffing structure for the AP Centre, including resources, equipment and running costs associated with the Centre.

The proposed AP Centre will provide places for pupils at King's Lynn Academy and pupils at agreed local schools as part of Norfolk County Council's plan to create additional alternative provision across Norfolk. Any new provision within the programme will grow to full capacity once established by supporting pupils who would benefit from attending the AP Centre.

### **What is an Alternative Provision Centre (AP Centre)?**

AP Centres are specialist learning centres which support pupils who require additional support in order to successfully attend and learn in mainstream schools. The AP Centre will have dedicated and specialist staff as well as drawing upon specialist teaching expertise from King's Lynn Academy's core teaching team. All costs are funded by Norfolk County Council.

The aim of an AP Centres is to provide a learning area which is calm and purposeful.

Pupils will attend the AP Centre on a temporary basis for up to one year. Once they are ready to, they will return and re-integrate to their own school. The places at the AP Centre do not form part of the school published admission number (PAN) and are registered in addition to that number. **Students will remain on the roll of their home school throughout their placement.**

Whilst the AP Centre provides additional placements to the published admission number for King's Lynn Academy, it will be run and managed by the academy.

## What are the benefits of this proposal?

Eastern Multi-Academy Trust and senior leaders of King's Lynn Academy feel these changes would benefit children and young people because it will:

- Provide consistency of and access to alternative provision for pupils and families.
- Provide alternative placements for students at KS3 and KS4 who may be at risk of exclusion.
- Ensure that needs of pupils are met locally avoiding the need for unnecessary time travelling to an appropriate school further away. This is better for children and young people and saves the tax payer money in transport costs.
- Be part of a Norfolk network of AP Centres providing opportunities for partnership working, professional development and training.

## Capital costs

No changes are proposed to the existing Forward Step provision. Any change would be supported by Norfolk County Council capital funding to ensure that this is compliant with building specifications to ensure the AP Centre provides appropriate accommodation.

## How can you have your say?

The school will be holding a drop in event on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May between 4pm and 5pm, where you can come and find out more about this proposal. Please register to take part in our consultation event by emailing [rebecca.schrooder@eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.schrooder@eastern-mat.co.uk).

If you unable to attend this event but would like to comment on our proposal, you can have your say by:

Accessing our online survey; <http://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/klafowardstep>

**Responses should be submitted by 12 noon, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 please.**

## What happens next?

Eastern Multi-Academy Trust will consider all the responses received during this consultation and decide whether to complete a business case and send it to the Regional Director for a decision.



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## Consultation on proposed changes to King's Lynn Academy

Let us know what you think of our proposal.

How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to establish a permanent 32 place Alternative Provision Centre at King's Lynn Academy?

Please tick a box.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Why do you say this? Please write in the box below.

Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make to help us with this decision and in planning for the future provision for children? Please write in the box below.

We would like to hear from many different people as your views help us to decide whether we make these changes. We will also use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal to establish the AP Centre at King's Lynn Academy.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Academy Trust's data protection policy and guidelines. This means that Eastern Multi-Academy Trust will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation.

We will not identify individuals when reporting back our findings and, under our record management policy, we will keep this information for five years. We will also, under normal circumstances, not pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation, including any personal information. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please tell us who you are (tick all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> School governor       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Carer                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Parent Teacher Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group    |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

At which school? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your postcode? \_\_\_\_\_

Your views will help us decide if this proposal goes ahead. You can tell us your views by returning this completed form to:

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**This consultation ends at 12 noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**