



GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

Consultation Report on the proposed changes to the Ransom Road Campus

Following the approval of the proposal to de-merge the Nottingham Academy into two separate academies for September 2020, a consultation exercise took place to propose a number of changes for the Ransom Road Campus.

The changes proposed were to ensure that the new vision of the Academy can be implemented as soon as possible.

The consultation opened on Thursday 4th April 2019 and closed on Friday 3rd May at 5pm. A public consultation meeting also took place on Wednesday 1st May at 5.30pm.

This report summarises the findings of the public consultation.

1. The Proposed Changes

Proposed change to:	Summary of changes	Date effective from
Academy name	The Academy is proposing that the name becomes "The Wells Academy" from September 2020 but being referred to as "The Nottingham Academy – Wells Academy Campus" until September 2020.	September 2019
Timings of the academy day	The Academy is proposing that the Academy day is extended to finish at 3:20pm to allow for additional pastoral support, academic revision and to improve reading.	September 2019
Academy uniform	The Academy is proposing to introduce a blazer (as well as a jumper) to the uniform and remove skirts from its uniform policy. All pupils will be given a blazer and tie free of charge.	September 2019

2. Consultees

A letter was sent to parents/carers of pupils at the Nottingham Academy (all campuses). The letter included details of the approval by the RSC to de-merge the Nottingham Academy into two separate academies from September 2020 and also included the details of the proposed changes for the new Ransom Road Campus. The letter was also shared with all staff and the Local Authority and details will be sent to parents/carers of pupils who will be joining the Ransom Road Campus in September 2019.

Full details were given about the ways in which they could respond to the consultation, including by email, by post or in person. All details were included on the Greenwood Academies Trust and the Nottingham Academy website.

The new Principal of the Ransom Road Campus also attended a parents evening to discuss the proposed changes with parents where no concerns were raised.

A press release about the approval of the de-merger and mentioning the consultation about the proposed changes has also been circulated to the media.

3. Feedback from the Consultation

We received 2 emails from parents and the themes were:

Parent 1

Name – “not on the Wells Road so why have that in its name it is more in Mapperley so why not The Mapperley Academy?”

No objection to changing the time of the day.

Uniform – not in favour of having jumpers as well as blazers due to being too many layers of clothing and pupils being too warm.

Parent 2

Name – nothing raised.

Uniform – not in favour of removing skirts and think this is unfair in warmer weather. Not in favour of having jumpers as well as blazers.

No objection raised about changing the time of the day.

Other

Nothing received from the Local Authority or staff. In fact the LA representative was happy to attend the public consultation meeting in support of our proposed changes.

There was no attendance at the public consultation meeting.

4. Conclusion and Next Steps

As there were no objections made to the changing the time of the day, we will amend these from September 2019. It has been agreed to have one lunch sitting with the academy closing at 3.20pm from Sept 2019. The start time of 8.30am remains the same.

As only one person responded about the name (the name proposed by the parent was rejected as part of the original consultation to de-merge), we are happy to confirm that the new Academy in September 2020 will be called The Wells Academy.

Based on the feedback from the consultation, pupils will be expected to wear a blazer and jumper for the majority of the year with a summer uniform being introduced in the final half term where pupils may wear just a blazer due to warmer temperatures. In circumstances of extreme temperature the academy will take a sensible approach to the uniform policy and inform pupils and parents accordingly.

Following the consultation, “it has also been agreed that skirts will be part of the academy uniform but they need to be ‘A line’, not tight fitting and must cover the knee.

All parents will be informed of the outcome of the consultation.

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