



GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

Consultation Report on the Proposal to Expand the Nursery Provision at Ingoldmells Academy, Ingoldmells, Skegness Lincolnshire

This report summarises the findings of a public consultation around the proposal to expand the nursery provision at Ingoldmells Academy, Ingoldmells Skegness. The consultation ran for a total of four weeks from 9th September 2019 to 4th October 2019.

1. The Proposal

Ingoldmells Academy is a primary academy in Ingoldmells on the East Coast of Lincolnshire which provides high-quality education for children and young people from age 4-19. Ingoldmells Academy has highly experienced and dedicated teaching staff who deliver an exciting and varied curriculum which ensures that learners have every opportunity to reach their full potential and learn and succeed in life. The academy currently admits pupils the term after their fourth birthday to join EYFS leading into KS1 and then to KS2.

The proposal is to provide additional early year's education making use of the building, previously known as Rainbows End, which closed as a PLA setting July 2019. The proposal is for the building to become a part of Ingoldmells Academy's 125 year lease and to sit within the red line of Ingoldmells Academy. This change will enable Ingoldmells Academy to provide early years education for children from 3 years of age as of January 2020 and then, as part of phase two, to admit pupils from 2 years of age September 2020. The recent closure of Rainbows End means there is currently no early year's education for the children living in and around Ingoldmells, an area of exceedingly high deprivation. The proposal has full support of Lincolnshire County Council.

2. Consultees

A letter was sent to parents/carers of pupils at the Academy including staff, parents/carers of Rainbows End, all other schools and academies within the Ingoldmells and Skegness area, Lincolnshire County Council, The Early Year Alliance, Greenwood Academies Trust, local playgroups. The letter informed all connected parties of the proposal. The letter also included details of how to respond to the consultation and gave an invite to attend a public consultation meeting on Monday 30th September.

Information was added to the Ingoldmells Academy and the Greenwood Academies Trust websites at the start of consultation period.

3. Key themes coming out of the consultation

The proposal to provide early years education for the children within and around Ingoldmells Academy has received no objections.

3.1 Parents/Carers and Community Consultation Findings

No objections received. Parent voice highlights support for the proposal.

3.2 Staff Consultation Findings

No objections received. General staff overview supports the proposal.

3.3 Academy Advisory Council Consultation Findings

Academy Advisory Council (AAC) have been kept informed and updated on the consultation and the plans. The AAC is fully supportive of the proposal.

3.4 Pupil Consultation Findings

No comments have been received from pupils.

1.5 Support from the Local Authority

We have full support from the Local Authority. Letters of support have been received.

4. Conclusion and Next steps

Following a review of the responses to the consultation, Greenwood Academies Trust will be submitting a significant change, fast track application, to the DfE for approval from the Secretary of State for Education.

Details of the outcome will be posted on the Greenwood Academies Trust website and Ingoldmells Academy website. Letters will also be sent to parents/carers, staff and the local residents.

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