



Proposal to Expand Bursley Academy

**Consultation Ends
12th January 2018**

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STATUTORY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

1. Due to a consistently high demand for spaces in Bursley Academy, the high number of in year applications, requests for places and the large waiting lists in place for all year groups Bursley Academy is proposing that it expands its intake from the current level of 45 pupils (1.5 FE) to 60 pupils (2FE)

2. We want to hear the views of local families, the local community, academy staff, governors and parents and other bodies regarding the proposal to expand the intake of the Academy.

The additional children would not be able to be accommodated in the Academy's existing facilities and buildings therefore to meet the need of the increased intake building work on the site would need to be undertaken. If the expansion went ahead, pupils would start being admitted from September, 2019. The expansion will include:

- 6 teaching spaces (classrooms)
- WC facilities to meet the needs of additional pupils
- SEN and medical rooms, storage rooms including a PE store
- A library space.
- The project would also include the addition of a Hall store which would help us increased the safety levels and the available space in the hall.
- Some remodelling of the existing building to bring these facilities in line with the newer build. A more efficient and expanded EYFS space would be created along with a larger staffroom and a food technology/extra hall space.
- An extension to the on-site car park from its current capacity of 6 cars to 39 cars to accommodate all staff and visitor cars

3. It is important that you make your views known by 3pm Friday, 12th January 2018

WHY ARE MORE ACADEMY PLACES NEEDED?

4. The application rate for places within the Academy is well above the number of places available within our current reception provision as shown in the table below:

	1 st Choice preferences	1 st choice as percentage of PAN	2 nd /3 rd choices	Total preferences as percentage of PAN	Appeals	Not admitted
2017	64	142%	102	227%	3	3
2016	68	151%	112	249%	9	8
2015	61	135%	98	218%	10	9

This results in a number of parents who are unable to access the provision of their choice for their child.

5. The proposed changes will help the Governing Body fulfil its commitment to providing places for local children, allowing increased parental choice as well as providing up to date facilities to support the development of all pupils within the academy.

6. Bursley Academy is committed to providing parental choice within the local community in line with the government's stance that Academies which prove popular with parents should have the ability to grow and ensure as many parents as possible feel they have high levels of parental choice in the school their child will attend.

7. By moving to a two form entry the Academy will be able to move to single year group classes and move away from the current mixed age class structure which is in place due to the current 1.5 form entry.

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8. The academy was inspected by OFSTED in September 2012 and assessed as being an "outstanding" academy. The Academies National reported data has remained above that of national counterpart schools.

9. The current Published Admission Number (PAN) is the number of Reception places offered to children starting their full-time education. Bursley Academy currently has a PAN of 45.

10. Projections indicate that application rates for places will remain high and the Academy has the capacity to expand its current reception provision from 45 places to 60 places from September 2019

11. The proposed scheme would provide more places for local children and result in both increased levels of parental choice for the local community and improvements to the current academy environment and provision.

HOW WOULD THE SCHOOL BE IMPROVED?

12. A level 1 feasibility study has been undertaken by Bursley academy to identify if expansion on the current site could be undertaken to meet the needs of an increased intake. Initial outline plans should that the site could accommodate the additional buildings and parking. If the project was to be undertaken these plans would need to be further developed to maximise the potential within the academy site (for initial plans please go to www.bursley.staffs.sch.uk)

13. The Academy building itself has a number of areas which are aging and a number of areas that, due to previous work on the site, are not ideally organised to suit the purpose of the academy. By adding the additional space and developing the internal space within the current buildings we will be able to provide improved educational facilities that will enhance the provision for both existing children and those who would be new to the academy.

14. The building project would include:

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15. The move to a 2 form entry would mean the Academy could operate as single stream year groups which enhance the educational outcomes for all pupils.

16. The works will be funded by a condition improvement fund (CIF bid) and would be developed by Entrust to ensure the work, if undertaken, would be done efficiently in line recommended guidelines.

17. Work on the additional accommodation would be expected to start in summer 2018, subject to planning permission with completion of the project to accommodate the new intake of 60 pupils, expected by autumn 2019. The Academy, Entrust and contractors will work together to minimise any disruption to pupils during the academy term.

HOW WILL THE ACADEMY GROW?

17. Expansion to two form entry would mean an intake of 60 pupils into Reception (an increase of 15) each academic year.

18. This expansion would be phased across the school over a period of six years to allow for the natural progression of the initially expanded intake, meaning year on year the academy would have an intake of 60 reception pupils and subsequently each year group would grow by 15 the following year until the academy reached its capacity. This would ensure that the Academy would be able to maintain its standards without adding additional and unsustainable strain to the current provision for teaching and learning.

19. In total an increase of 105 pupils would occur across the expansion process during a six year growth period.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT THE CHILDREN IN ACADEMY?

20. An area has been identified for the proposed additional classrooms/work areas which will enable the academy to continue to operate whilst the building work takes place.

21. Pupils currently at the academy would not be affected as we will work closely with the contractor to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum.

22. There will be no substantial changes to the way children are taught in the first year, then in September 2019 KS1 will separate into two year 1 and two year 2 classes (there will then be no mixed age classes in KS1), in September 2021 Year 3 and 4 will be split into single stream classes with two year 3 classes and two year 4 classes and in 2023 Year 5/6 will move to single stream classes.

23. The academy will continue to serve the community of Bursley Academy. It will continue to uphold and nurture its strong ethos and values, driving to create well rounded individuals whilst striving for the highest academic standards. .

24. The standards of teaching and learning will continue to meet the learning and developmental needs of all children.

25. The Academy would work closely with Staffordshire highways department, as it has done in previous years, to ensure there would be no detriment to the local residents due to the

