

Manor Drive Primary Academy

Section 10 Consultation Report



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Executive Summary

The Four Cs Multi Academy Trust (the Trust) was successful in its bid to establish a new primary school in Peterborough. The new school, Manor Drive Primary Academy, will be a free, non-selective, all-ability, 4-11 primary school.

As part of the process for establishing Manor Drive Primary Academy, the Trust undertook a Statutory Consultation, as required by the Academies Act 2010. The consultation sought to capture public feedback on the proposal to enter into academy arrangements with the Secretary of State.

The consultation took place over a six-week period, starting on Monday 24 May 2021 and finishing on Monday 5 July 2021, and involved a range of consultation methods and communication channels.

The overall response from the public consultation period indicates that the respondents overwhelmingly support the proposals to establish Manor Drive Primary Academy.

Consultation Overview

Introduction

The Four Cs Trust was successful in its bid to establish a new primary school in Peterborough. The new school, Manor Drive Primary Academy, will be a free, non-selective, all-ability, 4-11 primary school.

With a proposed opening date of September 2022, Manor Drive Primary Academy will open with an intake of 60 Reception pupils, growing year on year to full capacity of 420 pupils by 2028.

We will also open a nursery for 3 and 4 year olds in September 2022. The nursery will accept both government funded child-care hours and hours paid for directly by parents.

Manor Drive Primary Academy will form part of the Trust's growing partnership of primary and secondary academies. It will be a dynamic and innovative school but with the traditional core values of high standards, innovative teaching plus a strong emphasis on pupil wellbeing. There will be a broad, balanced, and inclusive curriculum with a special focus on wellbeing and community. The school will draw on first class leadership and outstanding teaching and learning practices to support each learner, making sure that they have every opportunity to thrive.

Underpinned by a moral purpose to improve the life chances of young people, Manor Drive Primary Academy's vision is to provide the highest quality education for every pupil. Our aim is both to nurture and challenge our pupils. At Manor Drive Primary Academy, we recognise every child is an individual and they will be supported to fulfil their unique potential, enabling them to face the future with confidence.

As part of the process for establishing Manor Drive Primary Academy, the Trust is legally required to hold a consultation exercise (under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010) to determine whether the Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State.

The consultation took place over a six-week period, starting on Monday 24 May 2021 and finishing on Monday 5 July 2021.

The consultation was developed to enable stakeholders (local residents, staff and governors from local schools, parents, pupils, councillors, community groups and any other interested parties) across Peterborough to learn more about Manor Drive Primary Academy and share

their views. Due to Covid19 restrictions, consultation events had to take place virtually on digital platforms.

If the Secretary of State accepts and approves the proposal, then Manor Drive Primary Academy would open in September 2022.

Consultation documentation

An online consultation form was made available on The Four Cs Academy Trust website along with an overview of the school's vision and values. Our Admissions Policy was also made available there along with details of the consultation process. This included: dates of the consultation period; information about our consultation event; and a link to an online version of the questionnaire. We also made people aware, via the website and leaflet, of how to obtain a paper copy of the consultation questionnaire.

The consultation questionnaire featured the following questions:

1. Do you support the opening of Manor Drive Primary Academy in September 2022 which will aim to provide outstanding education for young people in the local area?

Yes

No

2. Should The Four Cs Trust enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education in order to open these schools?

Yes

No

3. Do you agree with the Admissions Policy for Manor Drive Primary Academy, Peterborough?

Yes

No

4. Do you support the proposal that nursery provision is opened on the primary school site?

Yes

No

5. We want the school to be an important part of the local community. Are there any services you would like the Academy to offer the local community?

Use of AstroTurf

Use of other sports facilities

Use of other bookable spaces within the school building

Other (please state)

6. Are there any comments that you would like the Trustees to consider at this time?

Consultation methods and communication channels

Website

Details of the proposed Manor Drive Primary Academy and the nature of the consultation process, including a link to the online version of the consultation questionnaire, were published on the Four Cs Academy Trust website.

Information available on the website included:

- Vision and values
- Admissions arrangements

- Location
- Site plans
- Information about the Trust

Email

An email outlining the nature of the consultation process was distributed to key stakeholders, which included: neighbouring Headteachers; Peterborough Local Authority; Lincolnshire Local Authority.

Leaflets

A bespoke leaflet was designed and delivered to make the local community and local Early Years settings aware of the consultation and the consultation event (appendix A).

Community Visit

The headteacher (Principal Designate) visited residents in part of the local community to discuss the project. This was to offset the issue of illiteracy in this part of the community. The discussions were conducted at a social distance

Public consultation events

The Trust held a public consultation event on Tuesday 8 June 2021, 6.00pm – 7.00pm, online on Zoom due to Covid 19 restrictions. The event was publicised on The Four Cs Academy Trust website and via the consultation leaflet.

The presentation included a standard set of topics, as set out below:

Contextual information:

Introduction to the Trust, including its vision and values
Track record of Fulbridge Academy, the Trust's lead primary school.

Site

Building and catchment plans
Images of key areas of the school

Ethos, Vision and Values

School's motto and identity
School vision and values

Curriculum

Wellbeing focus
High Expectations
Enriching curriculum
Reading focus
Community involvement

Governance

Trust information
Chair of Governors

Admissions

Admission arrangements

Consultation Information

Time frame
How to take part in the consultation

After the presentation, those who attended the event had the opportunity to discuss the proposals

with representatives of the school project team, which included the Trust's Primary Lead and the Principal Designate.

Consultation Responses

Public consultation events

The consultation event was attended by 15 people, and were members of the local community, prospective parents, and the Chair of Governors.

An overview of the questions asked and the answers provided are listed below.

Question	Response
<p>Will Year 1 will be at this school and when will the school open? We live in this area at Glover Drive but at the moment we are driving far away for our daughter's school. She is in Reception at the moment.</p>	<p>Manor Drive Primary will open in September 2022. We will only be able to offer places to children in Reception and to Nursery children in the first year. This is the process for new Free Schools as set out by the DfE.</p>
<p>Regarding sport facilities, would you be able to confirm that it will all be available for the community as soon as the school is open? I mean that it will be free of charge for all kids from the Manor Drive neighbourhood to play whenever they wish.</p>	<p>When the academy opens, we plan to make many of our facilities bookable by the community, this will include the sports facilities. We will not be able to open areas of the school site for free community access because we need to consider the security of the site and the safety of the children.</p>
<p>My son is going into Year 1 from September 2021. Is there any chance for him to get into Year 2 at Manor Drive Primary Academy from September 2022?</p>	<p>Manor Drive Primary will open in September 2022. We will only be able to offer places to children in Reception and to Nursery children in the first year. This is the process for new Free Schools as set out by the DfE.</p>
<p>Our daughter will be ready for the first Reception class intake next year and we would like to register our interest for the virtual consultation and also find out how and where we can register our daughter for the intake, if it's possible to do so yet?</p>	<p>You can apply between 10 September 2021 and midnight on 15 January 2022. To apply for a place at Manor Drive Primary Academy you must apply directly to the school via our website www.manordiveprimary.org.uk. The Admission Policy for Manor Drive Primary, including the catchment map, is also available here. You will also need to apply to Peterborough City Council for your other choices of schools. More information on the application process will be available on our website in September 2021.</p>
<p>When will the Nursery open, will it be run separately and what ages will be able to apply?</p>	<p>The Nursery will be part of Manor Drive Primary School, managed by school staff. It will also open in September 2022 and will take 3 and 4 year old children.</p>

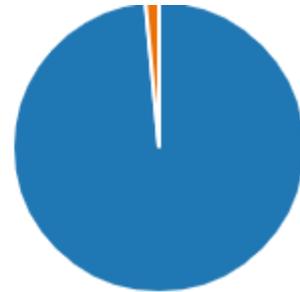
The questions raised at the consultation events, and their answers, have been incorporated into the Frequently Asked Questions page upon the school's website (if not already covered elsewhere on the site).

Consultation questionnaire

67 questionnaires were completed in total (online). A detailed breakdown of the questions and responses is as follows:

1. Do you support the opening of Manor Drive Primary Academy in September 2022 which will aim to provide outstanding education for young people in the local area?

● Yes	66
● No	1



2. Should The Four Cs Trust enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education in order to open these schools?

● Yes	65
● No	2



3. Do you agree with the Admissions Policy for Manor Drive Primary Academy, Peterborough?

● Yes	65
● No	2

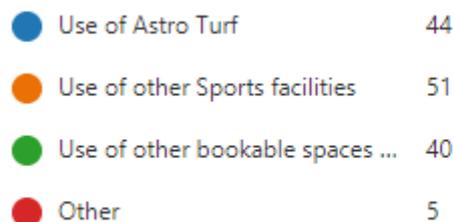


4. Do you support the proposal that nursery provision is opened on the primary school site?

● Yes	66
● No	1



5. We want the school to be an important part of the local community. Are there any services you would like the Academy to offer the local community?



6. Are there any comments that you would like the Trustees to consider at this time?

Consultation comments

Those who took part in the consultation questionnaire were also given the opportunity to offer comments for the Trust to consider. Of the 67 responses, 7 made comments.

Comment	Response
The catchment area is published as soon as practicable.	The catchment map is available online at the Four Cs website and within the consultation presentation. Manor Drive Primary Academy will be happy to take applications from outside of its catchment area, but these will be subject to our admissions criteria.
Please consider something in the curriculum that teaches life skills to young children and help them understand what's really important in life such as forest schools, how to grow your own food, voluntary work, etc.	The Principal Designate is working with a small team to create a curriculum that is inspiring and diverse. We plan to make the most of our new campus to give children opportunities for outdoor learning. As the children grow through the school we will explore the possibilities for community engagement such as litter picks and community events.
The estate has no open spaces for kids to play ball etc.	When the academy opens, we plan to make many of our facilities bookable by the community, this will include the sports facilities.
Engage and involve local Councillors	The Ward Councillors have been invited to visit the school site to check on the build progress. We will continue to engage with them as the process continues.
Use of facilities would be the minimum the school should offer, the academy would also do well to include a shared library. Clear parking information should be provided as well as there are currently fears residents are going to have over run roads when the building opens.	When the academy opens, we plan to make many of our facilities bookable by the community. The school's transport plan was created by the local authority after a thorough consultation. It can be found on the Peterborough City Council website. The academy intends to have very clear signage on site to direct traffic and has multiple drop off spaces on site.

Community use of the premises for local residents and groups	When the academy opens, we plan to make many of our facilities bookable by the community.
Making Y6 to Y7 transition seamless.	The Principal Designate is collaborating closely with the Principal Designate of Manor Drive Secondary Academy. We plan to continue this partnership to ensure a smooth transition for our year six children.
The Council welcomes the Trust 's commitment to provide community access to the school's facilities. Local councillors have noted that the Manor Drive development currently has limited facilities and no community centre. They have specifically mentioned that residents should be able to use the schools' facilities for meeting rooms (e.g. for the Residents Association to meet). Councillor Bryan Tyler has offered to be a local contact.	The Trust intend to ensure sports facilities and other large spaces will be bookable for community use.
The Council is already working closely with the Academy Trust on admissions and the new build and trust that this close working relationship will continue. We hope that the Trust will work with the Council, other schools and Academy Trusts to assist in the management of the impact of the opening of the new school on other schools in the local area.	The Trust is working with Peterborough City Council and intend to continue this positive relationship. The Trust have arranged meetings with local Headteachers to discuss the impact of opening.

Conclusion

Throughout the Statutory Consultation there has been a high level of support for the proposed Manor Drive Primary Academy in relation to the vision of providing excellent academic opportunities.

The feedback received at the consultation event and by email and from the visit to the local community has been very positive, with only two negative responses, neither of which stated a reason or asked a question that the Trust could respond to. It is clear that the residents feel the Manor Drive estate needs a school and particularly one that will work in collaboration with the community. The Four Cs Trust are pleased to hear this, as Manor Drive Primary Academy has community and wellbeing at the heart of its ethos. There is also clear support for nursery provision opening at the primary school.

Some respondents raised the issue of a lack of amenities on the housing estate, we hope that the Academy can go part of the way to addressing this by providing some bookable facilities. There were also 2 queries regarding older primary children and whether or not they can join the Academy in 2022. The Principal Designate responded during the consultation event and explained that we will only be able to offer places to Reception children because this is standard DfE practice for new Free Schools.

The feedback received indicates that there is sufficient support for the Trust to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State.

Opening
September 2022

Manor Drive

Primary & Secondary Academies

The Four Cs Multi Academy Trust plans to welcome Reception children and Year 7 children to the Manor Drive Academies in September 2022. We also propose to open a nursery for 3 and 4 year olds.

As part of the process we are required to undertake a consultation. We would like to hear your views. To take part in our consultation and to find more information about the new schools, please visit: four-cs.co.uk. For a printed copy of the consultation questionnaire please call 01733 566990.

We will also be holding two virtual consultation events to share our visions for the schools.

Primary Academy Virtual Event

6pm Tuesday 8th June

Secondary Academy Virtual Event

6pm Monday 7th June

If you would like to join one of these events please email consultations@manordrivesecondary.org.uk stating which of these events you would like to join.



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