Dysart School

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Dear Parents, Staff and Members of the School Community

Dysart School Expansion Consultation

I am writing to let you know about the planned consultation on expansion of Dysart School. The proposal is for Dysart School to educate additional children with special education needs across the existing year groups at its **current site** and at a **proposed additional site**. The overall increase **across both sites** would provide a further 29 places above the school's current Funding Agreement of 96 places bringing the total school capacity to 125 places by 2020.

The proposed additional site would be located at School Lane Community Centre, Tolworth, which is half a mile from the main school site. Kingston Council would provide and refurbish the additional site which will cater for up to seven children in the 2019/2020 school year and up to a capacity of 15 places in the 2020/2021 school year.

This expansion would give us the opportunity to offer more places for children and young people with special educational needs, in the local area, so they can benefit from our teaching and learning and from the inclusion opportunities provided by the location of the proposed additional site which is adjacent to Tolworth Infant and Junior Schools.

Achieving for Children (AfC), the community interest company that provides Children's Services for Kingston Council, has identified a need for more special school places to be provided locally and as quickly as possible. This is due to the growth of the general school-aged population in the borough, and because the number of pupils requiring specialist education is rising at an even faster rate.

AfC and Kingston Council work very closely with us to ensure that our offer meets the local requirements and complements other local provision. These proposals would enable us to continue to have the best possible local offer within the constraints of our site and the funding available.

As Dysart School is an academy, the expansion proposal would need to be approved by the Department for Education (DfE) and we are therefore seeking the views of parents and other interested parties through this consultation in order to inform the DfE's decision-making process and to change the Funding Agreement to 125 places.

Please see the attached questions; I would be extremely grateful for your views and any other thoughts you might have on this proposal. Our families and wider school community are at the heart of what we do and we want to be sure that this is the right move, not only for Dysart School but for the local community.

A consultation on the proposal will run from Wednesday 24th April 2019 to Thursday 23rd May 2019. A public meeting will be held at 5pm on Tuesday 30th April 2019 at Dysart School.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Edser
Principal

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Please rate the six questions below using this scale:

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

1. More special school places are needed for children and young people within Kingston ☐
2. More local provision reduces the need for longer journeys and helps children and young people to play a more active role in their home community ☐
3. Additional special school places should be available adjacent to mainstream schools to enable more inclusion opportunities when appropriate ☐
4. Dysart School has the skills and capacity to offer more places to pupils with special educational needs without it having a negative impact on their existing pupils ☐
5. I am in agreement with the proposal to expand the school onto an additional site ☐
6. I am in agreement with the proposal to increase the overall number of children at Dysart School ☐

Please tick one of the following: I am a:

☐ Parent of a pupil at Dysart School
☐ Parent of a child with special educational needs attending another school
☐ Staff member at Dysart School
☐ Professional working in schools
☐ Other _____ _____

Do you have any other comments about this proposal?

If so, please use the space overleaf to note any further comments you might have.

Alternatively you can complete the consultation on-line at www.dysartschool.org

Please turn over

Comments:

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