

Consultation on the increase in capacity at Ravens Academy

Academy Transformation Trust is consulting on a proposal to increase the capacity at Ravens Academy from 210 to 420 pupil places. The proposal is linked to the delivery of a new purpose-built replacement building, due to open in October 2028. The Department for Education (DfE) is funding the new building after Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) was identified in the academy's main building in 2023. The proposal is intended to align the academy's capacity with the accommodation being provided through the replacement building and to support forecast demand for places over time.

This consultation and subsequent decision-making will be completed in line with DfE non-statutory guidance, 'Making significant changes to an academy; non-statutory guidance on collaborative school place planning and making organisational changes to academies, October 2024, updated February 2026'. The Trust is seeking views before determining whether to proceed with the proposed increase in capacity.

Specific Proposal: Academy Transformation Trust and Ravens Academy propose to increase the academy's permanent capacity from 210 to 420 pupil places with effect from October 2028. This increase will be delivered through the provision of a new purpose-built building which will provide high-quality, fit-for-purpose facilities designed to support a total capacity of 420 pupils.

Impact of the proposal

In considering this proposal, Academy Transformation Trust and Ravens Academy have assessed the likely impact on pupils, families, local place planning, admissions, school organisation and the wider community.

- The academy will recruit additional teaching, leadership, support and site staff in sufficient time to ensure that the increased number of pupils can be accommodated and educated effectively as capacity grows. Workforce planning will be aligned to the phased delivery of places so that appropriate staffing and operational capacity are in place ahead of pupil admissions, helping to maintain educational standards, safeguard pupil welfare and support a smooth implementation of the proposed expansion.
- To support continuity of education pupils will move into new temporary school accommodation in phases from September 2027. The phased transfer will continue through the 2027/28 academic year and into 2028, enabling the academy to manage the transition safely and with minimal disruption to education and pastoral support. Once the new purpose-built school is complete, the final move from the temporary accommodation into the permanent building is due to take place by October 2028.
- The proposal is not expected to have a detrimental impact on local place planning and has been considered in the context of local demand and provision and in full discussions with the Local Authority.
- If the proposal is approved, any changes to the number of pupils to be admitted in future years would be implemented through the relevant admissions process and in accordance with statutory requirements.

- The Trust and academy will seek to minimise disruption to learning and school life. This will include careful planning around safeguarding, pastoral support, access arrangements, specialist provision and the day-to-day operation of the school so that pupils can continue to learn in a safe and suitable environment.
- The proposal is expected to have a positive impact on the wider community by providing high-quality, permanent school facilities, improving the local educational offer and supporting the sustainability of school places in the area.

The Consultation period

The consultation period will run from Friday 19 June to Friday 17 July 2026.

Who is being consulted?

The consultation on this proposal is for the attention of the following:

- Parents/carers of children attending Ravens Academy
- Parents/carers in the local area
- Staff and governors of the academy
- Residents and other interested parties in the community
- All relevant admission authorities within the local area including neighbouring local authorities
- Other schools in the area who may be affected

How to respond

Academy Transformation Trust and Ravens Academy welcome your views on this proposal. Responses are welcome from all interested parties and may include comments in support of the proposal, objections, or observations on how the proposal may affect pupils, families and the wider community.

Email: consultations@attrust.org.uk with the subject header **Ravens Academy significant change consultation**

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Next steps

Following the close of the consultation period, the Trust will review all feedback received before deciding whether to proceed with the proposal, amend it, or take no further action. If the Trust decides to proceed, it will do so in accordance with the Department for Education's process for making significant changes to an academy, including submission of the appropriate application and any further engagement required as part of that process.



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