



GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

**A proposal for two new Primary
Free Schools for Northampton**

Upton Park & Moulton

'Be Inspired'

About the Greenwood Academies Trust

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The Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT) successfully sponsors 35 open academies, educating over 17,000 pupils across seven local authority areas, including Nottingham City, Nottinghamshire, Leicester City, Northamptonshire, Peterborough, Lincolnshire and Central Bedfordshire.

The Greenwood Academies Trust is a 'not for profit' organisation. Any income received is spent for the benefit of our pupils.

For more information about the Trust please visit www.greenwoodacademies.org



Wayne Norrie, CEO

Our Academies

Our academies are led by outstanding Principals. Whilst working to achieve our organisational core values, each Principal is free to develop the curriculum and structures within their own academy to best serve their community. The Trust does not impose a standard central curriculum or structure. We have created a Trust where each academy can evolve individually, developing best practice that can be shared both within the Trust and more widely.

Beacon Primary Academy 4-11
Bishop Creighton Academy 4-11
City of Peterborough Academy 11-16
Corby Primary Academy 4-11
Danesholme Infant Academy 3-7
Danesholme Junior Academy 7-11
Dogsthorpe Academy 7-11
Green Oaks Primary Academy
Hazel Leys Academy 3-11
Houghton Regis Academy 11-19
Ingoldmells Academy 4-11
Kingswood Primary Academy 3-11
Kingswood Secondary Academy 11-19
Mablethorpe Primary Academy 3-11
Mansfield Primary Academy 3-11
Medeshamstede Academy 3-16
Newark Hill Academy 4-11
Nethergate Academy 3-19

Nottingham Academy 3-19
Nottingham Girls' Academy 11-19
Purple Oaks Academy 3-18
Queensmead Primary Academy 3-11
Rushden Primary Academy 4-11
Seathorne Primary Academy 3-11
Skegby Junior Academy 4-11
Skegness Academy 11-19
Skegness Infant Academy 3-7
Skegness Junior Academy 7-11
Stanground Academy 11-19
Studfall Infant Academy 3-7
Studfall Junior Academy 7-11
Sunnyside Primary Academy 4-11
Welland Academy 4-11
Weston Favell Academy 11-19
Woodvale Primary Academy 3-11

Information about our proposal

Our proposals

In support of the new housing developments in the Upton Park and Moulton area of Northampton, the Trust are considering submitting an application to the Department for Education to propose opening a new primary academy in Upton Park and a new primary academy in Moulton, both in Northampton, as part of the Free School application process. We are proposing that each would be a 420 place primary academy with a 60 place nursery to open in September 2022. The Trust has support from Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) to open these new academies to meet the future need for school places in the area. If the proposals get approved, we will work with NCC to identify suitable sites for the new academies.

What is an academy?

An academy is a publicly funded independent school, accountable to the Government, which provides free education in the local community. Funding to run academies is provided in the same way as other schools and comes directly from the Government. If this proposal is approved by the Department for Education (DfE), the Trust must enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State in order for a new academy to open; at this point there would be further and more detailed consultation with stakeholders before the Secretary of State would enter into a Funding Agreement with the Trust.

Our experience

Within the Trust we have 35 academies and have successfully opened six brand new provision schools, which include three Primary Schools, two new Special Schools and a Secondary School. The Trust has also recently had another Free School application approved to open a new two form entry Primary Free School in Nottingham - there were only 22 approved in the recent round of applications. We pride ourselves on engaging with local communities, our pupils and business partners to ensure a new academy can deliver the expectations of their key stakeholders. We are experienced in delivering high quality school buildings and successfully opening new schools, which is consistently recognised by Ofsted. The Trust has recently been ranked as one of the best performing primary Multi-Academy Trusts according to Ofsted ratings for primary schools (see [here](#) for further information). As well as the full school improvement we provide, our Central Education Team offers outstanding levels of support and service, including HR, Finance, IT and Operations (which incorporates estates management, H&S, catering, projects, risk management, procurement and marketing and communications).

Brand new academies

The Trust has worked with a number of Local Authorities, contractors and the ESFA to open brand new academies in several locations. We pride ourselves on engaging with local communities, our pupils and business partners to achieve excellent results, with facilities that provide high quality learning environments. The high standards and outcomes in our new build academies are recognised by Ofsted inspectors and are supported by our results. In fact, all our brand new academies have been rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding' in their first inspections.



The vision for the proposed new academies

There are no limits

The proposed new academies would ensure pupils reach their full potential, with no limit to what they can achieve.

We would be committed to the highest of standards and will expect outstanding levels of achievement in all areas of academic and personal development as well as excellent behaviour.



Raising aspirations

We would encourage pupils to develop a sense of personal responsibility so that they can each make a full contribution to their learning and to the community. The academies would seek to raise aspirations and actively challenge low expectations.

Each academy would establish positive partnerships with parents and carers and provide strong and effective welfare and guidance services, with individual mentoring, to support pupils' academic progress and all-round development.

Each academy would offer high-quality curriculum opportunities through innovative approaches to learning.

All our pupils matter

We want our pupils, no matter what their age or ability, to be proud to belong to the academy and to be proud of their achievements. Whatever our pupils' background, we want them to be in the best possible position to move on to a successful life beyond school – whether it is in education, training or employment.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

The Greenwood Academies Trust takes support for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) very seriously. We operate three highly successful SEND academies and have Specialist SEND Practitioners in the Trust to ensure our academies offer outstanding practice.

All our academies have experienced staff and are well run and equipped with SEND/Learning Support departments. Staff development in this area is treated as a priority by the Trust and is delivered by the Education Support Team.

Admissions & general information

Admissions

Our academies aim to be community hubs. They do not select by ability and pride themselves on being true 'community academies'.

The admissions criteria is based on proximity, ensuring those living closest to the academy have the best chance of a place.

The proposed academies would follow the Local Authority coordinated admissions scheme.



Academy uniform

All pupils in academies sponsored by the Greenwood Academies Trust wear a smart and affordable uniform.

Parents will be able to order uniform online.

Term dates

We would adopt the same holiday pattern as other schools in the Local Authority area, so as not to disadvantage parents with children in more than one school.



How would the academy be run

Inspirational leadership and management for the benefit of all

Who will lead the academies?

Each academy will be led and managed by a Principal, with a Senior Leadership Team of Deputy and Assistant Principals. The Principal's would report directly to a Strategic Director in Education.

The Principal is responsible for the overall success of the academy and for developing a professional and effective working relationship its own Academy Advisory Council.

Qualified staff

The Trust would seek to only appoint qualified teaching staff to work in the academies. This would provide the highest quality of teaching and learning. The Trust also has an existing and very successful policy of promoting staff from within the organisation when vacancies arise.

Staff development

There is a Trust-wide Performance Development process in place to ensure staff are fully equipped to further their career aspirations and to support them where training has been identified. We have our own Learning Alliance for all staff to tap into for continuous professional development. This also ensures a highly trained, empowered and stable workforce is in place.

Governance

Academy Advisory Council

Each academy within the Trust has an Academy Advisory Council (AAC) that provides oversight at a local level. The remit and terms of reference are established by the Greenwood Academies Trust Board. The AACs meet at least three times a year and have responsibilities which include:

- providing feedback to the Principal on the appropriate day to day procedures of the academy
- considering and exploring the possibilities for work experience, work placements and other similar opportunities that would benefit pupils at the academy
- considering and exploring the extra-curricular activities and opportunities that may be of benefit to pupils at the academy and facilitate their delivery

Membership of the AACs includes the Principal, members of staff, parents and other members of the community.

The next steps

Why are we informing you?

We are engaging with parents and the wider community now to get your initial views about our proposal to open a Primary Free School in the Upton Park area and a Primary Free School in the Moulton area of Northampton so we can feedback your views to the DfE as part of the Free School application process.

We will undertake further consultation if our proposal receives approval from the DfE.

Next steps

The application to open a new primary academy in Upton Park and Moulton, Northampton, will be submitted to the DfE on 11 November 2019. If we are successful we will attend an interview in early 2020 and the DfE will then announce approved applications in Spring 2020.

These timings are based on the DfE's timelines for this year and are subject to change.

If you wish to comment on our proposals, please email gatnews@greenwoodacademies.com by 31 October 2019

Further information

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Further information can be found on the Trust's website under the news section. All updates and further information will be posted there.



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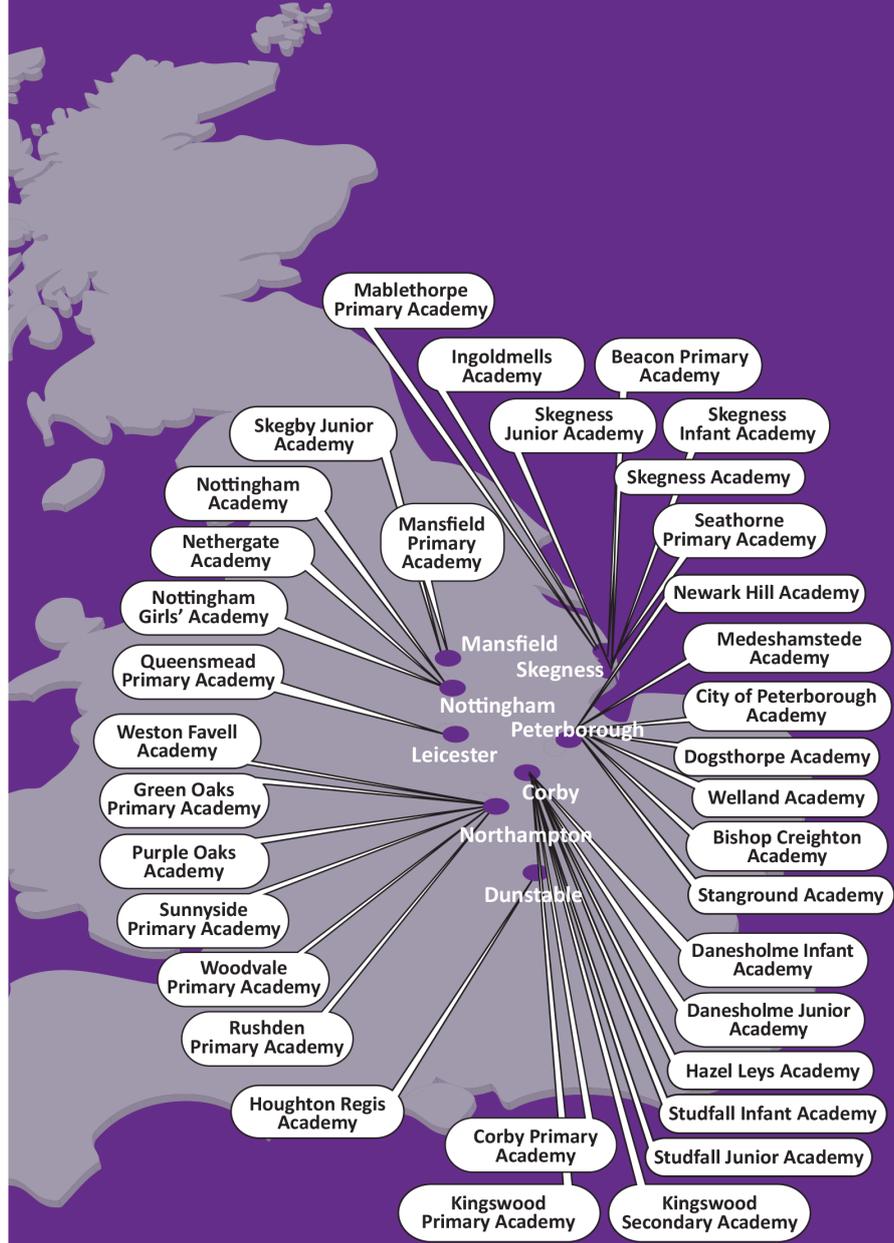
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