

June 2022

Dear Staff of The Springfield Centre

Consultation on the proposal of The Springfield Centre to convert to academy status and join Ethos Academy Trust

In April 2022 an Academy Order was received from the Secretary of State to convert The Springfield Centre to an Alternative Provision Academy and for it to join Ethos Academy Trust.

What is the proposal?

We propose that The Springfield Centre will become an academy from 1 November 2022 and join with a group of other schools in Ethos Academy Trust.

- Ethos College (Kirklees), Key Stage 4
- Reach Academy (Kirklees), Key Stage 3
- Engage Academy (Kirklees) Key Stage 1-2
- Evolve Academy (Wakefield), Key Stage 2-3
- Elements Academy (Rotherham) Key Stage 2-4 (to open in September 2022)

All schools currently in the Trust are based in West and South Yorkshire. Further detail on Ethos Academy Trust can be found on our website <https://www.eat.uk.com/>

The consultation includes a proposed change of name and we would like to consult with stakeholders, staff, parents and pupils on suggestions for the new school name.

As a key stakeholder in the process we would be keen to hear your views on the proposal and answer any questions you may have. All information you supply will be treated as confidential unless you volunteer your personal details and request a response to a query and/or would like a copy of our final report and findings sending to you on conclusion of the statutory consultation.

How do I find out more?

Enclosed with this letter is a frequently asked questions document which gives detail on our vision for the school.

To help staff in developing their knowledge and understanding of what is involved in becoming an academy and to allow you to provide your feedback, we have organised an information session which will take place on:

12 July 2022
The Springfield Centre
3.30pm

At this meeting the local authority will also present the TUPE transfer detail (a letter will follow direct from the LA). If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like a conversation with us or to provide us with feedback on the consultation you can contact us in one of the following ways:

- By telephone 01924 478482
- By email at Consultation@eat.uk.com
- By using the suggestions box located at The Springfield Centre
- By completing our online survey <https://www.wpru.co.uk> and clicking on the Academy Consultation page.

When do I need to feedback by?

Our consultation runs from 20 June 2022 to 17 July 2022 inclusive and we hope to issue our final report and findings ready for the start of the 22/23 term in September.

Please visit <https://www.wpru.co.uk> and click on the **Academy Consultation** page to complete the online consultation survey.

We look forward to hearing your views and working with you to support The Springfield Centre joining Ethos Academy Trust in the near future.

Yours sincerely



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Ethos Academy Trust

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