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Evolve Academy – Key Stage 1 Expansion at Poplar Avenue, Castleford, WF10 3QJ

Evolve Academy, part of Ethos Academy Trust, is a well-established provider of alternative education for Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs across Wakefield.

Building on its successful track record and in partnership with Wakefield Council, the Trust is proposing to expand its offer to include a new provision for up to 14 Key Stage 1 pupils.

A site has been identified for the proposed Key Stage 1 provision, which would operate as a satellite site of Evolve Academy. Located in Castleford, the site will utilise an existing separate nursery building and grounds, within a co-located school campus. This satellite site will offer both indoor and outdoor space and will be developed to provide a nurturing, personalised, and therapeutic environment that reflects the ethos and practice of Evolve Academy. While operating independently, it will benefit from shared services available on the wider campus, such as catering and site maintenance, and will aim to support younger pupils to engage positively with education through early intervention and tailored support.

The new provision will include two full time teaching staff and three support staff, who will be supported by the leadership team at Evolve Academy.

Consultation

To open our new satellite site, the Department for Education requires that we complete a consultation with our stakeholders to allow the opportunity for you to find out more and provide us with your feedback on the proposal.

There are a number of other ways to get in touch with your feedback.

- By completing our online survey on our website - <https://www.evolveacademy.uk.com/evolve-consultation/>
- By emailing Consultation@eat.uk.com to let us have any questions or feedback in writing.

When do I need to feedback by?

Our consultation will run from **01st September to 30th September 2025**. During this period, we welcome views from all stakeholders to help shape the development of the proposed Key Stage 1 provision. While the formal consultation phase will conclude on 30th September, we are committed to maintaining an open and ongoing dialogue beyond this date. We recognise the importance of working collaboratively with families, staff, and the wider community, and will continue to share updates, listen to feedback, and involve stakeholders as plans progress.

We look forward to hearing your views and working with you to support the development of our future plans for Evolve Academy.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Davis

CEO of Ethos Academy Trust