

Ambitions Academies Trust: Proposal to make a change to an open academy

This proposal is published in compliance with the Department for Education 'Making significant changes to an open academy and closure by mutual agreement. Departmental guidance for all types of academy trust'. November 2019.

Proposal to:

- Change the lower age range at King's Park Academy from 3–11-year-olds to 4–11-year-olds
- Proposing to outsource the Nursery provision at King's Park Academy

Academy Trust, School and Nursery details:

The proposer is Ambitions Academies Trust

General correspondence should be electronic only and addressed to: alex.prout@aat.education

Consultation responses should be sent either electronically to this email address, or posted to Ambitions Academies Trust Office, Manorside Academy, Evering Avenue, Poole, BH12 4JG.

The proposal relates to King's Park Academy and Little Ambers Boscombe, both located in Ashley Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH1 4NB.

Implementation date and proposal:

It is proposed to outsource the Nursery provision and change the lower age range at King's Park Academy from 1st January 2023

The age range of pupils attending the academy will be 4 years – 11 years.

Objections and comments:

Objections and comments regarding this proposal should be sent via email to: alex.prout@aat.education

All responses must be received by 23.59 October 31st, 2022.

Alteration description

The demographics of the local area is changing and there is an increasing demand for 0-2 years provision. King's Park Academy only offer provision for 4 and 5 years and do not have the specialised knowledge, staffing structure or budget allowances to be able to extend their offer.

King's Park Academy have seen families leave their community due to being unable to offer the full wrap around care that parents are requiring. Due to the specialised nature of EYFS, we do not have the specialisms, expertise, and experience of offering 0-3years, this potentially has a negative impact on staff retention and recruitment.

Implementation:

The proposal will be implemented by Ambitions Academies Trust.

Additional site:

King's Park Academy and Little Ambers Boscombe provision would remain fully operational throughout. No additional site is required.

Objectives:

The key objective of this proposal is to support Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council in its statutory duty to provide sufficient school and nursery places for children.

Impact on other Educational Institutions in the area:

There is not expected to be any impact on other educational institutions in the area, as the sufficiency levels will remain unaffected.

Consultation:

Statutory requirements to consult in relation to this proposal are being complied with as per the Department for Education 'Making significant changes to an open academy and closure by mutual agreement, Departmental guidance for all types of academy trust.' November, 2019.

A list of stakeholders who have been sent consultation packs inviting them to express their views can be found in appendix 1.

Project costs:

There are no costs associated with the proposed changes

Age range:

Change the lower age range at King's Park Academy to 4 years (R), the upper age range will remain unaffected, being 11 years (Year 6).

Need or demand for places:

Sufficiency will remain unaffected.

Deadline and how you can respond to the consultation:

Copies of this proposal can be obtained from:

AAT Website: <https://www.ambitions-academies.co.uk>

King's Park Academy Website: [King's Park Academy \(kingspark-academy.co.uk\)](http://kingspark-academy.co.uk)

Little Ambers Website: [Little Ambers - Boscombe \(littleambersnursery.com\)](http://littleambersnursery.com)

The consultation runs from Monday 3rd October to 31st October 2022. During this time, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal.

The deadline for responses is: 23:59 Monday 31st October 2022.

Appendix 1

Consultation Forms and Responses

Consultation Documents and Response Forms have been made widely available to:

Families of all pupils of Kings Park Academy and Little Ambers Boscombe

The Governing Body of Kings Park Academy and Ambers Group Ltd

All staff at Kings Park Academy and Little Ambers Boscombe

Head Teachers across the BCP Council area including those of Independent and Non-Maintained Special Schools.

Leaders/Managers of similar local Early Years Provision, within the locality

Local Member of Parliament

Trade Union representatives

Local Children's Centres