



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Tudor Grange Academies Trust

21st October update on consultation on proposed changes and development plans at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

The purpose of this update

As at 18th October, we have received 94 responses to the original consultation document. Of these responses, 87 support all of the changes proposed.

However, one of our key aims was to extend the mainstream autism provision of the school to better serve the needs of children within the community. This proposal has the support of Worcester County Council.

An unintended consequence of reverting to High School status would be to deny children in years 7 and 8 admission to the new and extended autism provision in the school.

Our amended proposal is a legal technicality in that Tudor Grange Academy Redditch would maintain nominal Secondary School status but set a pupil admission number (PAN) of zero for years 7 and 8 within the mainstream provision. The admission arrangements would state that admission for years 7 and 8 would be only to the autism base through an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP). This would enable a smooth transition for pupils who may need a year 7 or 8 place.

The purpose of this update is to extend the consultation period to ensure we collect the views of all stakeholders on these amended proposals. This feedback will be used to guide the actions of the Trust.

Amended Proposals are:

1. Age range change: in order to satisfy a DfE technicality with our Autism Base, maintain the status of Secondary School in name only so that pupils with an EHCP can be admitted to the autism base in years 7 and 8. Tudor Grange Academy Redditch would reduce its PAN in the mainstream provision to zero in years 7 and 8 and operate as a High School. The PAN for years 9-11 would be 180.

The other proposals contained within the original consultation document remain unaffected:

2. Expansion of the current Mainstream Autism Base to include new specialist facilities in a dedicated building
3. Sports Centre: Refurbishment of the roof and facilities allowing for the re-opening of the Swimming Pool for community use, beginning a programme of investment in the improvement of the TGA R site



Timeline

We are now extending the consultation period for the proposed changes and development plans at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch, due to end originally on Monday 21st October 2019, to end on Wednesday 6th November, 2019. The Tudor Grange Academies Trust Board will meet during the evening of the 6th November and we will maintain communication with the RSC's office about the progress of the consultation throughout this period.

We do not propose any further planned public consultation meetings at this stage, but we will make arrangements to meet with any individuals or groups to address questions on the updated proposals if they contact: Mrs A Green on agreen@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk or telephone 01527 523088 to request this meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the academy if you require further details.

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Mrs Jodie Bolter

Principal



Tudor Grange Academies Trust Consultation Response Form

Name: _____

How much do you agree with the following statements? Please tick as appropriate.

- 1. I support the proposal to reduce the PAN for years 7 and 8 to 0, in order to maintain the ability to admit year 7 and 8 pupils to the mainstream autism base only. I understand that the school would be operating as a High School but would maintain its secondary school status under these arrangements.**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

Further comments:

Please indicate whether you are:

A current parent/carer of a student in the academy	
A prospective parent/carer of a student at the academy	
A local school	
Other stakeholder	