

Ambitions Academies Trust: Proposal to make a significant 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:

- Lower the age range of Manorside Academy to 3 years old, in order to incorporate two nursery classes and close Little Ambers Poole nursery provision Ofsted number EY557894 (NB Little Ambers Poole, is located within the grounds of Manorside 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 Manorside Academy and Little Ambers Poole, both located in Evering Avenue, Poole, BH12 4JG

Implementation date and proposal:

It is proposed to formally and retrospectively close the Pre-School and lower the age range at Manorside Academy from 1st September 2021.

The age range of pupils attending the academy will be 3 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 March 31st 2021.

Alteration description

Manorside Academy currently provides primary school provision for children aged 4-11 years. On the same site is Little Ambers Poole, currently providing nursery provision for children aged 2-4 years. The proposal is to lower the age range of Manorside Academy to 3 years old and transfer all existing children from Little Ambers Poole onto Manorside Academy role (URN 141745) and close the existing nursery provision (Ofsted number EY557894)

Implementation:

The proposal will be implemented by Ambitions Academies Trust.

Additional site:

Manorside Academy and Little Ambers Poole 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 aged 3-11 years.

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:

The lower age range of Manorside Academy will reduce to 3 years (N1), the upper age range will remain unaffected, being 11 years (Year 6).

Need or demand for places:

Sufficiency will remain unaffected, as nursery provision is already available on the site, operating under the name of Little Ambers, Poole.

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/>

Manorside Academy Website: <http://www.manorside-academy.co.uk/>

Little Ambers Website: <http://www.littleambersnursery.com/>

The consultation runs from Tuesday 2nd March 2021 to Wednesday 31st March 2021. During this time, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by using the online survey which is linked to below:

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The deadline for responses is 23:59 Wednesday 31st March 2021.

Appendix 1

Consultation Forms and Responses

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

- Families of all pupils of Manorside Academy and Little Ambers Poole
- The Governing Body of Manorside Academy and Ambers Group Ltd
- All staff at Manorside Academy and Little Ambers Poole
- 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