

28th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Consultation Process: Dudley Academies Trust's Application to the Department of Education to make a significant change to Pegasus Academy – the establishment of an Alternative Provision Base.

I write to invite you to engage in a formal consultation process about our proposal to locate an Alternative Provision Base at Pegasus Academy.

An important part of our Trust's Inclusion Strategy is to establish an AP base at Pegasus Academy to serve the needs of learners and their families in all four of our secondary schools. The effective development of a high-quality alternative provision for our Trust will significantly reduce the number of young people who are permanently excluded and support them to achieve positive outcomes at the end of Key Stage 4.

The Pegasus AP will be a separate provision to that of the mainstream school. It will have its own separate entrance, specialist facilities and staffing. The base will significantly enhance the Trust's inclusive practice and will ensure that learners with a range of complex needs can benefit from tailor made provision. This means that they will receive specialist, bespoke interventions and follow a curriculum that is suitable to them. Some of these young people will return to their mainstream school after a period of time at the AP and others, mainly in years 10 and 11 may stay in the AP full time. It is anticipated that the AP will have capacity for approximately forty to fifty learners. The plan is for the Pegasus AP to open in September 2024, and this has been approved by the Local Authority.

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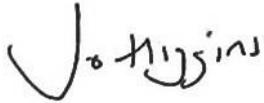
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The consultation process will run from Friday 28th June to Friday 19th July 2024. If you have any questions or would like to express your opinion, please contact us via the following:

- Email: info@dudleyacademiestrust.org.uk.
- Telephone: 01384 882388.
- In writing: The Drawbridge, Unit 2, Castle Court, Castlegate Way, Dudley, DY1 4RD.
- In person: There will also be a drop in session to provide an opportunity to ask any questions about the proposed provision. This will take place at the Trust offices on Tuesday 16th July from 13:00 to 17:00.

All responses will be carefully considered, and the Department for Education will be made aware of the views that are expressed on this matter.

Yours faithfully,



Ms J Higgins
Chief Executive Officer