



Overstone Park Primary School

Northampton Free School Trust

Section 10 Consultation Report

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Checklist:

Questions	Responses
Over what period did your consultation take place?	12 noon Tuesday 11 June 2024 to 12 noon Tuesday 23 July 2024
How did you disseminate your consultation materials? (online platform, emails, questionnaires, leaflets, letters inviting responses, events)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website - Emails (informative emails and invitations to events) - Survey - Online platforms (i.e., Facebook and X) - Consultation events (Online and In-person) - Press release
List the respondents and stakeholders you proactively engaged with in your consultation process (such as local schools, local authorities, parents, community groups and leaders, local residents, prospective students)	<p>See Appendix 3 for full list breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary and Secondary Schools - Faith settings - Health settings - Leisure settings - Community settings - Daycare settings
What information was made available to consultees? Which school policies did you share (such as admissions, SEN)?	Information about the trust and the new school, vision and ethos, curriculum, Draft Admission Policy 2025/26.
What information did you provide about the school's site?	School site, design and location plan.
Did your consultation specifically ask respondents to confirm whether they agreed that your trust should open the new free school?	Yes
How many respondents in total did you get to this specific question?	77
How many of the respondents agreed that your trust should open the new free school?	72
What issues were raised by respondents about any part of your consultation?	Respondents expressed concern that their residences would not be included in the catchment area. They also raised a concern about the similarity of the school's name to other local schools and possible confusion arising from it.
What is the trust's response to each of these issues?	See Section 8

Signed (by lead proposer or chair of trustees):

Name: Dan Rosser

Date: 27 08 2024

1. Executive Summary

Overstone Park Primary School (OPPS) is a proposed mainstream primary school set to open in the Overstone Leys development to the East of the A43 bypass between Moulton and Overstone Village. Northampton Free School Trust (NFST) undertook a 6-week consultation to confirm the public supports this opening in accordance with statutory requirements, which was open from Tuesday 11th of June 2024 to Tuesday 23rd of July 2024.

The purpose of this consultation is to fulfil NFST's statutory duty to inform the community of the plans for the proposed 4-11 primary school, and to consult with stakeholders and the local community on their views, in particular about whether Northampton Free School Trust should enter into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education – thereby allowing the primary school to become a reality.

The number of individual responses received from the consultation survey was 82 responses, which were delivered online through a survey.

93.5% of respondents supported the proposal to establish the school, with significant positive feedback and comments from respondents across the board.

The findings from this consultation will be reported and presented to those that have responded, the local community and the department.

2. Introduction

Overstone Park Primary School is a proposed 4-11 primary academy which plans to open in Overstone Leys in West Northamptonshire County Council in September 2025.

The Overstone Leys development, specifically the east of the A43 bypass between Moulton and Overstone Village, was chosen as the site for Overstone Park Primary School due to the demand for new school places created by the new Overstone Leys development, and due to its capacity to support innovative, eco-friendly infrastructure. The development provides the necessary area for both indoor and outdoor facilities, ensuring a well-rounded environment for learning and playing. The Overstone Leys development, a sustainable urban extension to the north of Northampton, will provide up to 2,500 new homes. Overstone Park Primary School will largely provide for the children of young families forecasted to move into these homes over the coming years and for existing local families seeking a primary place for their children.

Overstone Park Primary School is being proposed by Northampton Free School Trust, incorporated in 2013. The trust is a single-academy trust in the process of forming a multi-academy trust (MAT) to manage its expanding family of schools. With a vision to create outstanding schools in Northampton, the trust emphasises strong academic achievement, the development of core values, and the promotion of citizenship, community, and service. Their first school, Wootton Park School, an all-through institution, opened in September 2016 and received an 'Outstanding' rating from Ofsted in 2019. Overstone Park Primary School will be the trust's second free school, following the successful model established by Wootton Park. The trust aims to foster confident, happy and successful learners.

In its opening year, Overstone Park Primary School will provide two forms of entry for children aged 4-11, gradually expanding with each new Reception intake until reaching its full capacity of 420 pupils. This state-of-the-art, co-educational, state-funded, non-selective school will be free to attend and will benefit from the leadership and curriculum support of Wootton Park School.

3. Background

Free schools and academies approved to open by the Department for Education must conduct a thorough and transparent statutory consultation with parents and local stakeholders before a final funding agreement can be put in place.

This is known as a Section 10 Consultation in reference to Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010. The Act states that trusts should consult such persons as they deem appropriate. The key question on which academy trusts are required to consult is whether the trust should enter a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education to open their new school.

Northampton Free School Trust devised and implemented a consultation exercise, supported by Premier Advisory Group, which sought the views of parents, stakeholders and the wider community on whether they should enter into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education and open Overstone Park Primary School.

4. Vision and Ethos

4.1 Vision

At Northampton Free School Trust (NFST), our vision is to create an outstanding school, delivering strong academic achievement, developing strong values, and encourage citizenship, community, and service, raising standards in the local area. Our curriculum will aim to enhance social mobility and improve life opportunities for all learners, especially the most disadvantaged.

Overstone Park Primary School (OPPS) will passionately invest in positive outcomes, understanding that the impact we make on our young people's lives is crucial.

Our school will be the school of choice for parents who are ambitious, value academic success, and want their children to reach their full potential. Our children will be thoughtful, lawful, disciplined, community-focused, respectful, and accepting of diversity.

The school will adhere to the following key principles:

- **Whole-school ethos of attainment for all:** Never assume that all disadvantaged children face the same barriers or have less potential to succeed.
- **Clear systems for addressing behavior and attendance:** Believe that students must be present and attentive to access learning. This will be achieved through effective attendance and behavior strategies, clear communication of rules, and comprehensive staff training in behavior management.
- **High quality teaching for all:** Prioritise 'quality teaching first' by setting high expectations, monitoring performance, tailoring teaching and support to meet learners' needs, and sharing best practices across the MAT, supported by Sutton Trust research.
- **Meeting individual learning needs, including SEND and LAC:** Treat each learner as an individual with unique challenges, talents, and interests, providing targeted support for underperforming children both during curriculum time and outside school hours.
- **Effective use of staffing:** Identify the strengths of each staff member during recruitment and utilise them effectively, sharing expertise across the Trust.
- **Data-driven and responsive to evidence:** Utilise data to identify and address children's learning needs at every opportunity.
- **Clear, responsive leadership:** Drawing from experiences at WPS, staff will be committed to doing whatever it takes to help each child succeed.
- **Well-being & work-life balance:** Invest in the professional and personal development and well-being of our staff, providing regular coaching, access to external support, and regular performance reviews.
- **Engagement:** Engagement to build excellent contacts, foster strong relationships, and maintain a community focus throughout the school's journey, recognising the importance of community voice.

- **Community:** OPPS will be an integral part of the local community by forming mutually beneficial relationships with voluntary groups and local businesses.

4.2 Ethos

NFST is committed to viewing each child as an individual, avoiding stereotypes, and enhancing the life opportunities of every pupil in our care. We foster an inclusive ethos grounded in respect, tolerance, and understanding of others' needs to build self-esteem, cultivate positive relationships, and develop collaborative skills.

Our new school upholds a commitment to equal opportunities, which we strive to provide through Overstone Park Primary School. We will:

- Develop learners to help create a better society through the promotion of citizenship, community, and service.
- Create a rigorous, broad, and ambitious knowledge-rich academic curriculum supported by high-quality extracurricular provision.
- Grow a school at the heart of its community, helping to promote cohesion.
- Provide targeted support for every child that needs it, through high-quality classroom teaching and evidence-based targeted support, including tutoring.
- Ensure the highest aspirations and ambitions for all.

To support our disadvantaged learners, in line with NFER research, OPPS has based its core values and vision on seven key building blocks identified as essential in promoting high attainment among disadvantaged children (DfE Nov 15).

5. Consultation Methodology

5.1 Scope and Timing of the Consultation

The consultation was held between 12 noon Tuesday 11th June 2024 to 12 noon Tuesday 23rd July 2024. Before the beginning of the consultation, the Project Steering Group containing Trustees and staff (with delegated powers from the Trust Board) agreed on a consultation plan and stakeholder mapping exercise to ensure that the consultation was publicised to all relevant stakeholders.

5.2 Publicising the Consultation

As part of its general communications strategy for Overstone Park Primary School, Northampton Free School Trust (NFST) had already published a [website](#) available for public access. The website included details of the school's proposed vision and ethos, explanation of admission processes and policy, consultation questionnaire and FAQ.

A database of local stakeholders in Northampton was collated, and included:

- Primary and Secondary Schools
- Faith settings
- Health settings
- Leisure settings
- Community settings
- Daycare settings

Emails were distributed to all the stakeholders inviting them to learn more about the school and share their views. Information about the consultation events and a link to the [online consultation page](#) (which contains additional materials including a recording of a video presentation by NFST's CEO Dan Rosser) were included. (See Appendix 3.2 for the email sent to stakeholders.)

For the consultation, 2 drop-in consultation events were organised:

- 26th June 2024 Wednesday, 6.00-7.30pm, on Microsoft Teams online via Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome
- 15th July 2024 Monday, 6.00pm-7.30pm, at Wootton Park School, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 0HZ

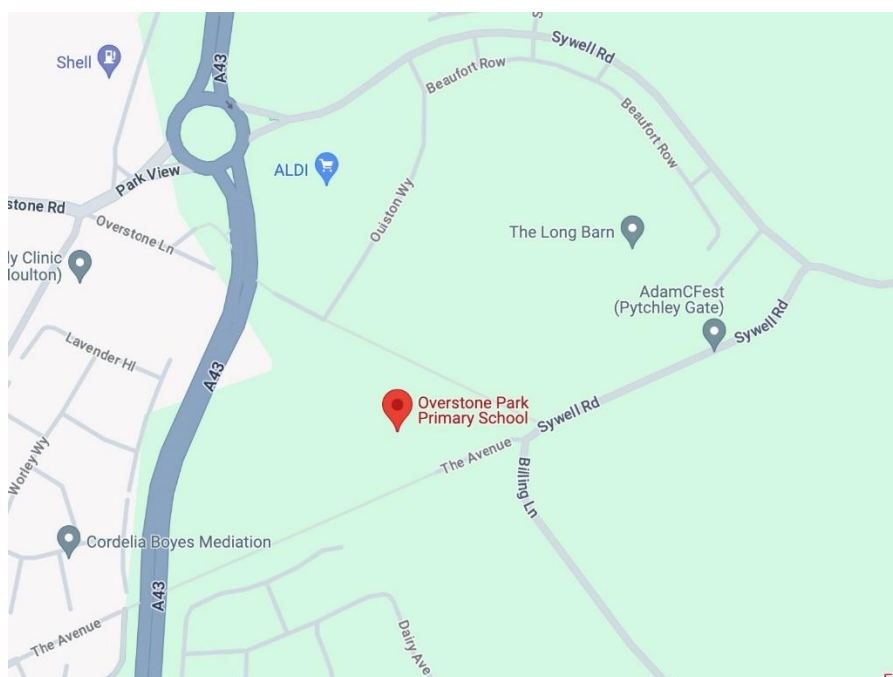
In addition to the events, an online survey was set up using SurveyMonkey, which can be viewed in full in Appendix 1. This survey was composed of 9 questions about the proposed school, each with space for respondents to add comments and explain their views. It also invited respondents to add

their contact information and children’s date of birth, so that they could be contacted in case they wanted to register their interest in the school. Details about the consultation meetings and online survey were added to the school’s website. (See Appendix 5).

A consultation booklet was then developed for distribution. This consisted of an 8-page A5 document that includes information about the school, its proposed vision and ethos, curriculum aims, FAQs, a questionnaire and admissions criteria along with the school’s website link and contact details.

The back page of the booklet was a detachable questionnaire where the five consultation questions could be answered. This section of the booklet could then be sealed and sent free by post to Overstone Primary Park School, c/o Wootton Park School, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 0HZ. Respondents could also scan it and sent it by email at info@overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk. The booklet also included the URL of the online survey to encourage people to respond electronically.

1000 copies of the booklet were also distributed in the surrounding area of Overstone Park Primary School, as shown in the map below.



Following this distribution, mailing lists were created using the e-mail addresses supplied by interested families. These lists specifically targeted families with children aged 5 to 11 years old, who are eligible to start Reception during the school’s first two years of operation. For further details on the email, refer to Appendix 3.1 and Appendix 3.2.

A copy of the consultation booklet was posted to each of these families, and the hard copies were used for the groups listed on the stakeholder Excel spreadsheet (except schools, which were notified via the council newsletter). Additionally, hard copies were left at the various housing developer offices for distribution, provided at the in-person event, and made available at Wootton Park reception.

Additional actions taken include publishing an advertisement in local media, communications from the trust and member schools, coverage in the Wootton Park School July newsletter, and Facebook posts shared by the trust and other local school pages. Press releases were also covered by the Northampton Chronicle & Echo and the Northamptonshire Telegraph, both online and in their local newspapers, with 26,000 copies sold (See Appendixes 6 and 7).

6. Results of the Consultation

The statutory consultation survey received a total of 82 responses. The survey enabled each respondent to provide both quantitative and qualitative analysis. Most stakeholders replied with a Yes/No answer, but a section of respondents added further comments on different aspects of the school such as the curriculum, the admission process, the positive support for the school opening, the opportunity offered and the school’s unique value and ethos. The results covering each of the 9 questions are presented below.

6.1 Stakeholder group

Respondents were asked which stakeholder group they identified themselves as belonging to and had the ability to select as many categories as they wished. Respondents also had the opportunity to provide additional details on who they were in a free text box.

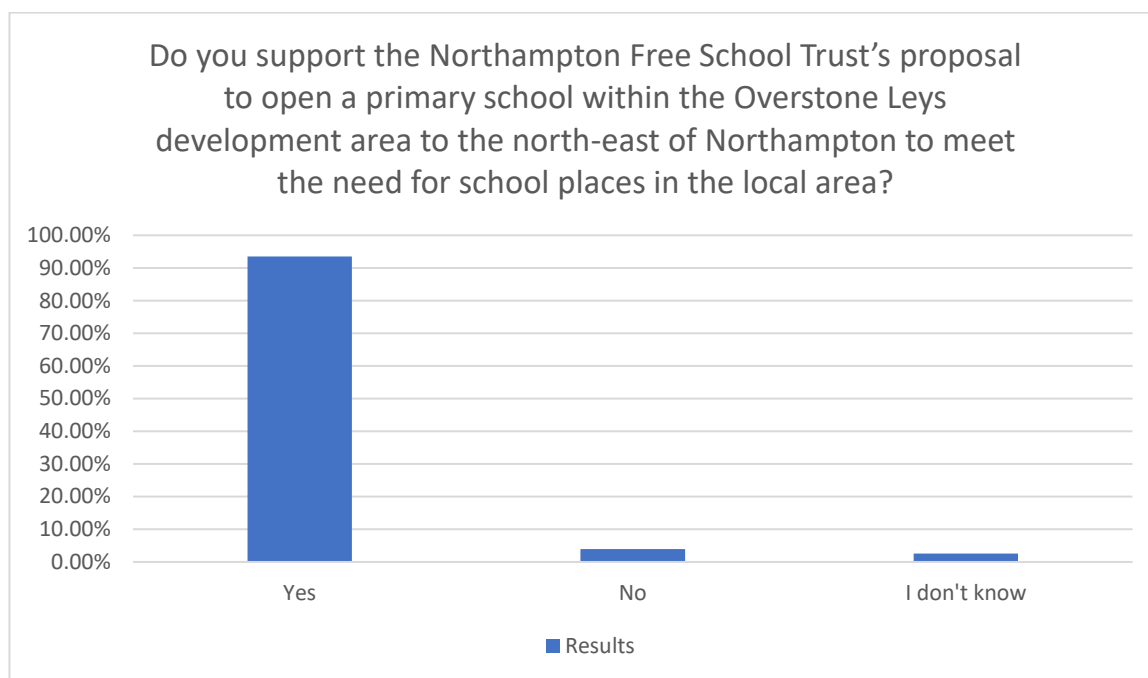


Most respondents (29) identified as Member of staff at a local school, followed by local resident (27).

6.2 Online Survey Questions

Q1. Do you support the Northampton Free School Trust’s proposal to open a primary school within the Overstone Leys development area to the northeast of Northampton to meet the need for school places in the local area?

Out of the respondents, 77 answered this question and 5 skipped. 93.51% answered Yes, 3.9% answered No, and 2.6% answered Don't Know. Most comments on this question were positive feedback regarding the opening of a primary school in the Overstone Leys development area.



For those stakeholders who answered 'Yes' to Q1, the following comments were given:

- *"Fantastic opportunity to have a high standard school in that area."*
- *"The area is a large developing housing estate and needs the infrastructure of schools, health, etc. in order to serve the needs of the residents."*
- *"Local Primary Schools are full, new houses are continually being built."*
- *With the growth of population on the new estate, a primary school within walking distance will be needed."*
- *"The NFS Trust has an excellent track record as exemplified by Wootton Park School"*
- *"There is a need for a new school in this area, given the new housing developments."*
- *"The Trust's other school is outstanding, and I would expect the new school to follow this trend."*
- *"I am a member of staff at WPS and have seen the high standards of education which is provided - there needs to be more of this in Northamptonshire. I am also a local councillor and know that there is pressure on school places due to increased residential development. This new school will help ease that."*
- *"Need for primary places."*

- *“It will be great to have a primary school within one of the Overstone developments.”*
- *“Each new area being built needs schools to support the growth of the area.”*
- *“A local school within walking distance of a new development is important.”*
- *“Clearly a need for a new school and will cater for a growing population in the area.”*
- *“Positive for Northampton.”*
- *“Increased population of young people requiring outstanding education.”*
- *“There is a need for a school in the area and this trust has an excellent reputation. I would trust them to look after my children and gain the highest possible attainment.”*
- *“Growth of Wootton Park; more school places; an outstanding provider.”*
- *“Lots of new housing, shortage of school places.”*
- *“It will mean a local school for the new housing development in Overstone Leys.”*
- *“More school places required.”*
- *“Need for school places in the area.”*
- *“Requirement of school places and outstanding sister school to support the process.”*
- *“With the new houses on Overstone Leys and the edge of Moulton, this will aid in the provision of spaces. Although, it is a concern that Moulton Primary did have spaces this year in their reception intake, I would assume this to be due to a low birth year as prior to this both Moulton and Overstone have been traditionally oversubscribed. As a parent of a recent school starter, the area does not offer a 2-form school which this will be so will offer an alternative to those already here.”*
- *“More schools are needed.”*
- *“A school is needed in close proximity to the new housing developments.”*
- *“If there is a need for more school places, I support the development of a new school.”*
- *“Great school, fantastic opportunity for the area.”*

For those stakeholders who answered ‘No’ to Q1, the following comments were given:

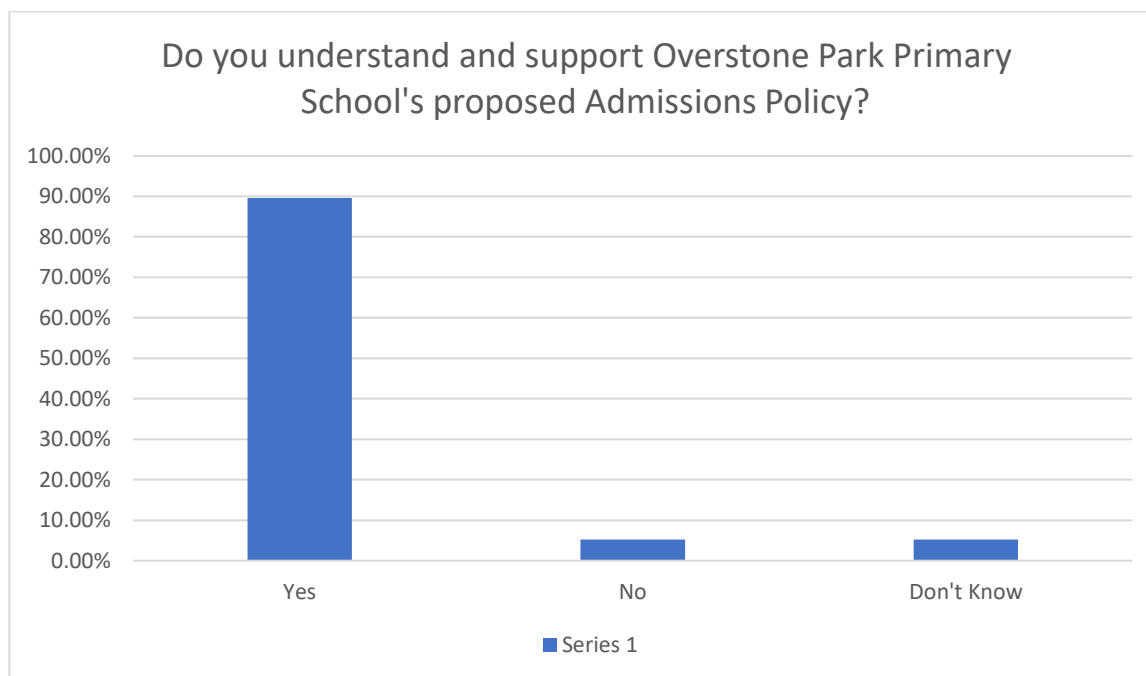
- *“As your playground is directly in front of my home and your muggy is directly at the side of my home with no direct contact or consultation with the one house that was built before any other building work.”*
- *“The road network doesn't support it.”*

Those stakeholders who answered ‘Don’t Know’ to Q1 have not provided any additional comments.

No clear responses for the category “I don’t know”.

Q2. Do you understand and support Overstone Park Primary School's proposed Admissions Policy?

Out of the respondents, 77 answered this question and 5 skipped it. 89.61% answered Yes, 5.19% answered No and 5.19% answered Don't Know. The comments support the Admission Policy, but there are still some questions about it from many respondents.



For those stakeholders who answered 'Yes' to Q2, the following comments were given:

- *"Caters for the local area"*
- *"Yes - BUT I question whether it should be linked specifically to the Overstone Leys development as there is also the Atrium, the Farmstead, Overstone Gate within a close proximity of the development on which the new school will be located"*
- *"Not read the admissions policy but would expect it to priorities local people that are on walking distance and would encourage walking as a priority"*
- *"Starting with Reception only and growing slowly."*
- *"I do understand it - my only query would be that Overstone Leys gets priority over other residents who would actually be closer. For example the Moulton development on The Avenue."*

For those stakeholders who answered 'No' to Q2, the following comments were given:

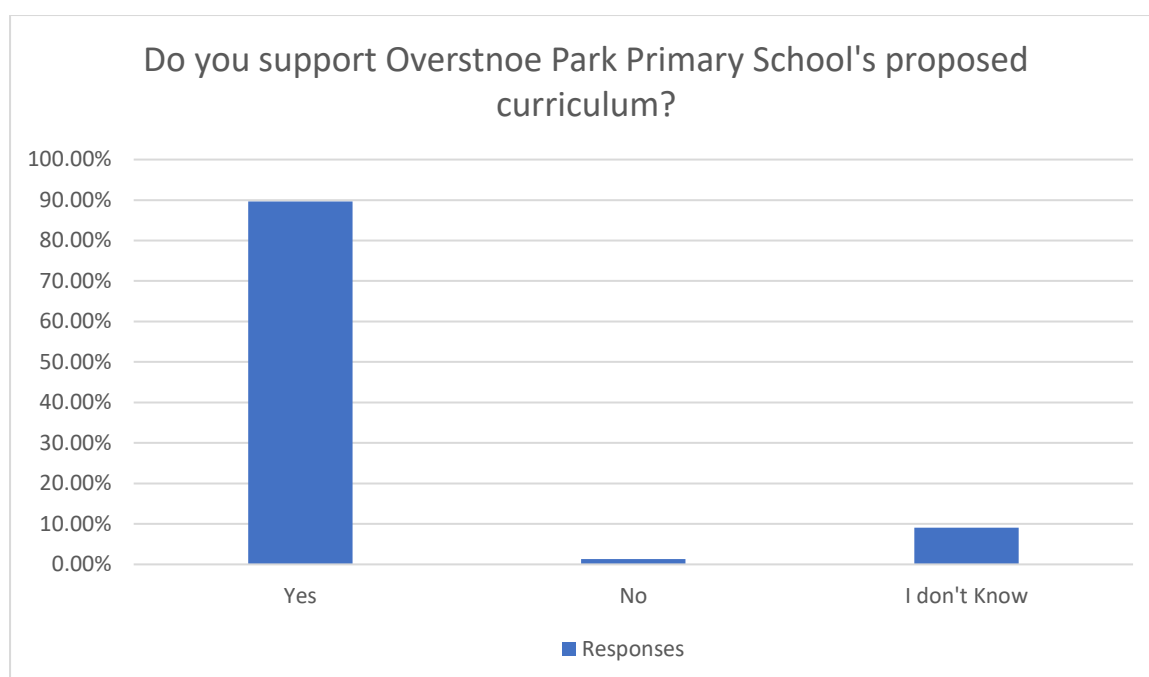
- *"The Overstone Leys catchment does not include The Farmstead, which would be closer than some Overstone Leys addresses or Overstone Gate. When buying properties at Overstone Gate and The Farmstead we were told that the Primary School would service this side of the School."*

For those stakeholders who answered 'Don't Know' to Q2, the following comments were given:

- *"This school is to support growing demand for places at the Overstone Leys development', but those children are 4th in the admissions criteria. How will this work? Also what provisions are in place for much needed SEN children places?"*
- *"I haven't seen your policy"*
- *"n/a"*

Q3. Do you support Overstone Park Primary School's proposed curriculum?

Out of the respondents, 77 answered this question and 5 skipped. 89.61 % answered Yes, 1.30% answered No and 9.09% answered Don't Know.



For those stakeholders who answered 'Yes' to Q3, the following comments were given, [e.g., please let us know your reason]:

- *"It has a proven track record at Wootton Park. It takes in the whole child including who they are within the community and wider world. It can therefore support their (inner) development."*
- *"I think it's wonderful how you will have Design and Food facilities."*
- *"An amazing reflection of Wootton Park"*
- *"It seems to be a well rounded curriculum, presumably in use at Wootton."*
- *"It has a proven track record at Wootton Park."*

- *“Have not seen the curriculum but would expect it to be based on an inclusive policy and also not being fee paying.”*
- *“Based on the outstanding curriculum of sister school, Wootton Park.”*
- *“The proposed curriculum is similar to Wootton Park School.”*

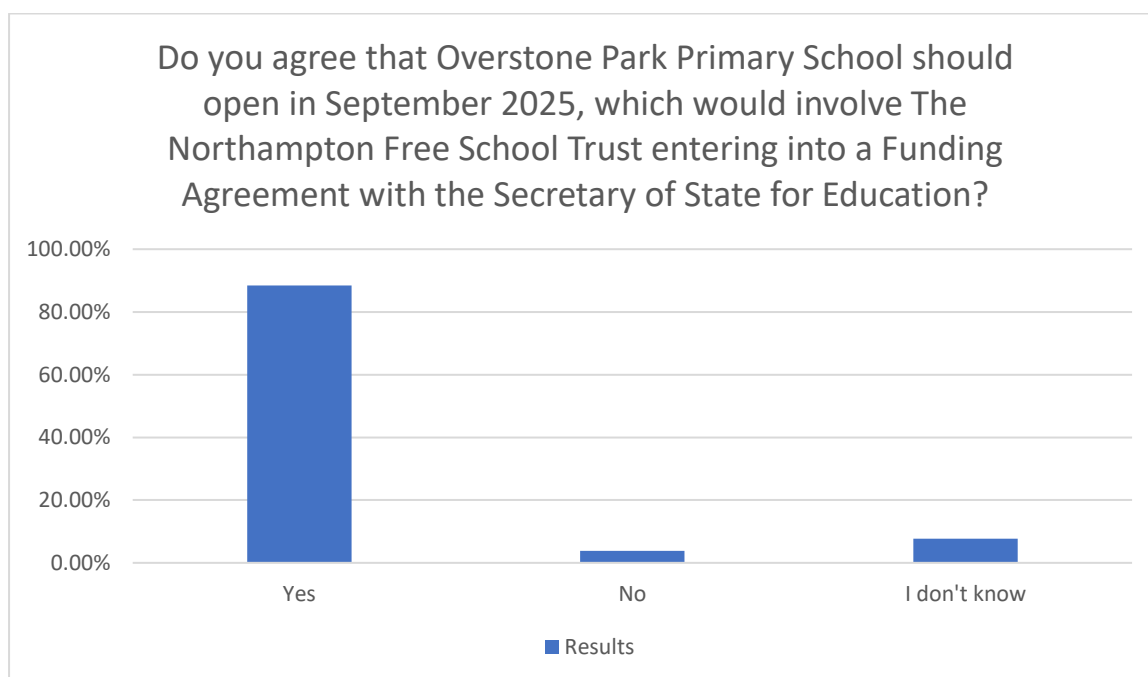
For those stakeholders who answered ‘Don’t Know’ to Q3, the following comments were given:

- *“I haven’t seen it yet”*

Those stakeholders who answered ‘No’ to Q3 have not provided any additional comments.

Q4. Do you agree that Overstone Park Primary School should open in September 2025, which would involve The Northampton Free School Trust entering into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education?

Out of the respondents 78 answered this question and 4 skipped it. 88.4 % answered Yes, 3.85% answered No and 7.69% answered Don’t Know.



For those stakeholders who answered ‘Yes’ to Q4, the following comments were given:

- *“Yes, as this is required for the school to progress.”*
- *“School places are needed for yhe children moving into the Overstone Leys new housing.”*
- *“Be a great time to open a parte school to Wootton Park and can support with staff development.”*
- *“More school places asap”*

For those stakeholders who answered 'No' to Q4, the following comments were given:

- *"Wrong choice of location"*

For those stakeholders who answered 'Don't Know' to Q4, the following comments were given:

- *"The funding route should not be decided by a public consultation. Design needs to fit the teaching needs and long term maintenance rather than potential short term savings on the capital cost as this will lead to higher revenue costs."*
- *"The main roads, car parking and access needs to be fully in place."*

Q5. Do you have any additional comments?

This qualitative section offered respondents the opportunity to express any additional comments. 29 respondents answered and 53 skipped.

Comments included:

- *"No"*
- *"In the initial planning Application, I understood that there would be Green Spaces (including 2 full size football pitches) for use for the local community as well as the school. Have these plans been abandoned? Also is there sufficient provision for parking of Parents cars to drop off & pick up, bearing in mind that many Parents will have to drive older siblings to other schools."*
- *"N/a"*
- *"I am sure this will be another oversubscribed school, just like Wootton Park School! Outstanding education offered."*
- *"No"*
- *"No"*
- *"This is a really exciting opportunity for the local area and the young people who are likely to attend the new proposed school."*
- *"The school has a strong reputation and capable staff. There is a good plan and this has previously worked well in the school they have set up."*
- *"Using existing outstanding providers to open new schools seems to be a sensible approach."*
- *"NA"*
- *"I fully support this proposal."*
- *"Please reconsider the name of this school. Less than a mile away there are 2 other schools with very similar names: Overstone Primary School & Overstone Park School. There is going to be a LOT of confusion."*
- *"As the local vicar, I am keen to see how the school will form links with the local community, including care home and church, and make a difference to community life. Currently, there are NO community facilities on these developments. There is a real need to promote community life and neighbours knowing neighbours. I'd be happy to support with this."*
- *"N/A"*

- *“The project design should included Air Souce Heat Pumps and not gas boilers. The design should be a net zero build as the children are our future and will have to deal with climate chage and will not thank the project team for poor design choices. Designs should also take account of potential future expansion such as foundations that would allow an additional floor.”*
- *“I would like confirmation about how you propose to manage drop off and parking and that this will all be in place prior to the school opening. With particular attention to ensuring that cars do not attempt a short cut out the front of my property and how this will be managed. Also that you abide by the planning regulations that the Amiga can’t be accessed after 4pm Monday to Friday and will be securely locked when not in use.”*
- *“Dan Rosser is a narcissist and an industrial psychopath”*
- *“No”*
- *“Putting more schools around this area, has not been properly thought out.”*
- *“Looking forward to this school opening in the local area.”*
- *“N/A”*
- *“No”*
- *“no”*
- *“none”*
- *“I think another school run by Northampton Free School trust will only be a good thing. Wotton Park has a great reputation and it gives more parents the opportunity to attend a great school.”*
- *“A well structured model from WPS should set the new primary school in outstanding stead to make headway in a community that desperately needs more primary spaces.”*
- *“Overstone Park would become an outstanding primary school due to the outstanding support that it will receive from its sister school, Wootton Park School.”*
- *“N/A”*
- *“A great decision”*

Some comments raised various questions about the school that are discussed in section 6 and 8.

Q6. Your details (Please select all boxes that apply to you) I am a: -

82 respondents answered this question, and none skipped.

Responses:

Answer Choices	Responses	Responses
Parents/carer of child(ren) due to start primary school in 2025	12.20%	10
Parent/carer of child(ren) due to start primary school at a later period	8.54%	7
Parent/carer of primary age child(ren)	12.20%	10
Member of staff at a local school	35.37%	29
Representative of a community or youth group	6.10%	5

Local resident	32.93%	27
Local employee/employer/business owner	9.76%	8
I would prefer not to say	12.20%	10
Other (please specify)	4.88%	4

Other (please specify):

- *“Vicar of Overstone Church”*
- *“I am a client side project manager that has delivered schools for other local authorities”*
- *“Local government”*
- *“Parent”*

Q7. Parent/Carer of primary age child(ren) - Please specify your child(ren)’s school(s):

Out of respondents, 2 answered and 80 skipped. This qualitative question offered the opportunity for respondents to specify their children’s school.

Comments:

- *“Wootton Park School”*
- *“Wootton Park School”*

Q8. Member of staff at a local school - Please say which one:

Out of respondents, 13 answered and 69 skipped. This qualitative question offered the opportunity for respondents to specify the school at which they are a staff member.

All 13 respondents unanimously answered *“Wootton Park School”*.

Q9. Representative of a community or youth group - Please say which one:

Out of respondents, 3 answered and 79 skipped. This qualitative question offered the opportunity for respondents to specify the community or youth group of which they are a representative.

The three respondents representing a community or youth group answered this question as follows:

- *“Northampton RC Cathedral - SVP”*
- *“Vicar of Overstone Church”*
- *“Scout District Staff.”*

7. Open Events and Other Responses to the Consultation

During the consultation period, two Statutory Consultation events were organised:

- Monday 15th of July 2024, from 6:00PM to 7:30PM, a face-to-face meeting at Wootton Park School, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton.
- Wednesday 26th of June 2024, from 6:00PM to 7:30PM, a virtual Teams meeting.

The consultation events provided background information on Northampton Free School Trust (NFST) as well as the trust's proposal to establish Overstone Park Primary School. A Q&A session was held following the presentation, which can be found in (Appendix 2). Both In-person and virtual events were held to give the possibility to everyone to participate in at least one of the consultation events.

In addition to the open events, the trust communicated regularly with stakeholders who emailed questions and comments about the school to the designated consultation email address. See Appendix 9 for a full record of email correspondences regarding the consultation between NFST and local stakeholders.

Virtual Event

During the virtual event on Wednesday 26th of June 2024 for Overstone Park Primary School, the trust introduced the school's ethos and vision, emphasising academic excellence, character development, and community service. They presented plans for a curriculum that includes foundational subjects and specialised courses, all supported by modern, eco-friendly facilities. The school plans to open in September 2025 with one form entry and aims to grow to accommodate 420 pupils, welcoming students aged 4-11. The event concluded with a Q&A session, addressing community questions and concerns. Below are some questions raised and addressed during the virtual Teams meeting.

Q: I am moving to the Overstone area, my new house is just behind the site of the new school. I'm struggling to understand how the traffic flow in the local area will be managed. Will this new build affect the neighbouring houses with busy roads and noise pollution?

A: If we refer back to the building plan, we can see that there will be a footpath that will run the length of the site, connecting to roads and main roads. We have no intention to open access to vehicles. With the new housing developments in the local area and our mission to be environmentally friendly and promote fitness and well-being to children we imagine a significant majority of pupils to live in walking distance. Additionally, we will work with the LA and local area to create and submit a travel plan that all are happy with.

Q: I can see the schools opening with 30 pupils and will be growing to 400 pupils. When will the school reach 400 pupils?

A: Our school will open as a one-form entry with plans to move to a two-form entry. It will open with 30 pupils entering and that will grow to 60 within four years.

In-Person Event

The in-person consultation event was held at Wootton Park School with 8 people in attendance. The event began with NFST CEO Dan Rosser introducing the trust's transition from a single academy to a multi-academy trust (SAT-to-MAT). He then highlighted the school's performance, announced an upcoming tour of the EYFS site and explained the school's two-form entry structure (accommodating 30 pupils each in Y1 and Y2), while also emphasising the importance of partnerships with nearby secondary schools.

Moreover, Dan also addressed some recent developments, noting that planning permission was granted 2 months ago, and that development will proceed once the land is imminently released by developers. Following this, the curriculum key information was outlined. Nat, NFST's Associate VP and EYFS specialist, outlined the core curriculum components, including literacy, numeracy, and science, alongside daily reflection periods and the development of a strong moral compass. The latter will be supported by specialist teachers from Wootton Park School.

Admissions to the school are set to open in September 2024 and will close on January 15, 2025. The school aims to offer a high-quality education, strong community connections, a focus on a family-oriented environment and a SEN team which benchmarks all students to mainstream national performance.

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Q: (Asked by a child) Can I take these toys home?

A: No, but you asked very nicely!

Q: In 5 years, will the number of children entering Year 1 grow to 60?

A: Yes, the school is expected to be two-form entry (2FE) by the third year of opening.

8. Responding to the Findings

This report summarises the findings of the genuine, open and honest consultation exercise undertaken by Northampton Free School Trust.

As outlined by the positive results, the proposed Overstone Park Primary School has considerable support from the local stakeholders. Topics of note from across the consultation are summarised below:

- Generally, there was significantly more positive feedback than negative feedback.
- Overall, many comments expressed strong support for the opening of the new school, emphasising that it will address the growing demand for school places in the area due to ongoing residential development. There is a general agreement that Northampton Free School trust has a proven track record of delivering high-quality education as previously seen by Wootton Park School, which many believe will ensure the new school's success.
- Several respondents also highlighted that the new school is necessary to support the local community, particularly in areas with increasing population due to new housing developments. Therefore, a new local school within walking distance is seen as crucial for the community, reducing the need for long commutes and enhancing local infrastructure.
- The new school is also seen as an opportunity for the local area because it provides high standards of education which is beneficial not only for both pupils and families, but also for the community at large.

However, a few concerns were also raised, particularly regarding the school's name, location, and admissions arrangements. The following concerns, as well as the trust's responses to them, are addressed below:

- A stakeholder pointed out that the proposed school name is very similar to two other nearby schools, which could lead to significant confusion among parents, students and the community.
 - **Northampton Free School Trust (NFST) understands that the name may be confusing, however the name of the trust is also attached to the school and the trust considers the relationship between Overstone Park Primary School and NFST to be sufficient to remove confusion regarding the name.**
- Several stakeholders expressed concerns about the location of the school, particularly regarding its accessibility and whether it serves the correct catchment areas. Thus, some residents feel that the chosen site might not be ideal, especially for those living in areas like

The Farmstead and Overstone Gate, who were initially told that the school would adapt to their needs.

- **In response to this, NFST is committed to ensuring that the school is both accessible and beneficial to the broader community. They also understand that these comments may be due to some confusion regarding the name of the Overstone Leys development, as it was originally designated under one name but was then split into several different names during the planning and development stages of Overstone Park Primary School's construction. It is also important to recognise that these catchment areas have been developed in conjunction with the Local Authority, incorporating demographic planning data for the next 10 years and beyond. For this reason, there will be ongoing reviews of the catchment area boundaries conducted by the Local Authority to ensure they are inclusive and fairly distributed for residents across the local area, including The Farmstead and Overstone Gate. Furthermore, concerns about the location will be addressed in the context of its accessibility and infrastructure. If needed, additional measures such as transportation support can be introduced to make sure that the school effectively meets the needs of all local families.**

The trust responses to informational questions asked by stakeholders can be found below:

- One stakeholder asked how the school will be funded, and whether there are guarantees of long-term financial sustainability.
 - **The school will be funded primarily with government funding as all free schools are, as well as with support from the trust. Government funding is secured through the Funding Agreement between NFST and the Secretary of State for Education, scheduled to be signed in February 2025. The trust has a successful track record of managing finances effectively, as previously demonstrated through the management of Wootton Park School.**
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 - **The admission policy is designed to give priority to children living within the Overstone Leys development, but it will also ensure that nearby communities are also fairly represented. This is in line with the school's commitment to meet the local population's needs. However, it is important to note that the policy will be**

under review to make sure it remains fair and transparent as the local population evolves and whether there are any changes over time.

- Stakeholders questioned how the trust will ensure high-quality teaching staff are recruited and retained.
 - **The trust has a strong reputation for attracting and retaining high-quality teaching staff, as we can see from Wootton Park School's. Overstone Park Primary School will implement similar strategies, including competitive salaries, professional development opportunities, and a supportive work environment.**
- Stakeholders asked whether enrichment activities will be offered and how they will contribute to the pupil's overall development.
 - **Overstone Park Primary School will offer a range of enrichment activities designed to complement the academic curriculum and to promote development. These activities will include sports, arts, music and community service opportunities, which are reflecting of the trust's core values on citizenship, community and service.**
- A stakeholder asked whether there will be an extended school day, and how this will impact pupils and families.
 - **An extended school day is planned to offer additional academic support. This approach has been successful at Wootton Park School and is expected to benefit pupils by providing a structured environment for learning and development beyond school hours. Although this might affect some family routines, the school offers flexibility and support to make sure that the extended day is beneficial and also manageable for all pupils and their families.**

The feedback received during the consultation events and the survey has been crucial in addressing any issues and concerns and making sure that the school's plans will meet the community's needs.

9. Conclusion and Recommendations

Responses to the statutory consultation survey demonstrate that a large majority of the respondents were in favour of the proposal to establish a primary school in Overstone Leys. The board of Northampton Free School Trust (NFST) are hugely grateful of the great support given by the community.

Nonetheless, we take seriously all the issues raised and have sought to respond to them. We do not take community support for granted and will not allow ourselves to become complacent in our efforts to ensure that our plans for Overstone Park Primary School reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. We will report regularly on our advancements and progress to ensure local stakeholders are well informed and able to fully contribute to our plans.

We are committed to operating in a transparent and inclusive way, and in keeping with our vision and ethos. We will ensure our recruitment and other policies adhere to the very best practice in equal opportunities and inclusion and will make sure all staff and governor vacancies are widely advertised to the community. We will participate with local networks to develop partnership and collaborate with local community group, charities and private sector companies.

The range of questions asked at the meetings and listed in Appendix 2 highlights the issues discussed and illustrates the willingness of attendees to engage with Trust about their plans.

Subject to DfE approval, this report fulfils Overstone Park Primary School's statutory requirement to consult with stakeholders about its proposal and NFST can proceed with the next phase of the school's pre-opening, with the understanding that no significant barriers or opposition to their proposals have been identified. Based on the responses to the consultation, the Governors agreed they wish to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State to open the school from September 2025.

9.1 Recommendations

In response to this consultation, it is recommended that the trust:

- Approve the contents of this report and submit it to the DfE;
- Publish this report on the Overstone Park Primary School website as a record of the consultation and feedback to the participants and wider stakeholders;
- Continue to share updates with stakeholders, through the Overstone Park Primary School website and stakeholder database;
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Appendix 1 Survey



Overstone Park Primary School S10 Survey

1. Do you support The Northampton Free School Trust's proposal to open a primary school within the Overstone Leys development area to the north-east of Northampton to meet the need for school places in the local area?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please let us know your reasons:

2. Do you understand and support Overstone Park Primary School's proposed Admissions Policy?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please let us know your reasons:

3. Do you support Overstone Park Primary School's proposed curriculum?

- Yes
- No
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Please let us know your reasons:

4. Do you agree that Overstone Park Primary School should open in September 2025, which would involve The Northampton Free School Trust entering into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education”?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please let us know your reasons:

5. Do you have any additional comments?

6. Your details (Please select all boxes that apply to you)
I am a: -

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/carer of child(ren) due to start primary school in 2025 | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a community or youth group |
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Appendix 2 Questions Asked at the Meetings

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Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Oakway Academy	Off Oakway, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 4SD
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Rushden Primary Academy	Goulsbra Road, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 0YX
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Studfall Junior Academy	Rowlett Road, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN17 2BT
Primary and Secondary Schools	Free schools	Corby Technical School	Cottingham Road, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN17 1TD
Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary aided school	All Saints CEVA Primary School and Nursery	Castle Street, All Saints Ceva Primary School and Nursery Unit, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 1LS
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Loatlands Primary School	Harrington Road, Desborough, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 2NJ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Mawsley Primary School	Scholars Row, Mawsley, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 1GZ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Nassington Primary School	Church Street, Nassington, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	PE8 6QG
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	South End Infant School	Wymington Road, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 9JU

Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Wollaston Primary School	College Street, Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN29 7SF
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Grange Primary Academy	Jean Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN16 0PL
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Stanwick Academy	Church Street, Stanwick, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 6PS
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	St Mary's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School	Fuller Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN16 0JH
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Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Oakley Vale Primary School	Cheltenham Road, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN18 8RH
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Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Kettering Science Academy	Deeble Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 7AA
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Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Manor School	Mountbatten Way, Raunds, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 6PA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	St Peter's Church of England Academy	Mountbatten Way, Raunds, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 6PA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Weavers Academy	Brickhill Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 3JH
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Alfred Lord Tennyson School- 2 sites (Tennyson Rd and Alfred St)	Alfred Street, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 9YS
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Barton Seagrave Primary School	Belvoir Drive, Barton Seagrave, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 6QY
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Brambleside Primary School	Cleveland Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN16 9NZ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary controlled school	Brigstock Latham's Church	Latham Street, Brigstock, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 3HD

		of England Primary School		
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Broughton Primary School	Cransley Hill, Broughton, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 1NB
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Corby Old Village Primary School	High Street, Corby Old Village Primary School, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN17 1UU
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Cranford CofE Primary School	Church Lane, Cranford, Kettering,	NN14 4AE
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Croyland Primary School	Croyland Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 2AX
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Denfield Park Primary School	Victoria Road, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 0DA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Earls Barton Primary School	Broad Street, Earls Barton, Northampton, Northamptonshire	NN6 0ND
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Finedon Infant School	Orchard Road, Finedon, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 5JG
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Finedon Mulso Church of England Junior School	Wellingborough Road, Finedon, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 5JT
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Freemans Endowed Church of England Junior Academy	Westfield Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 3HD
Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary controlled school	Geddington Church of England Primary School	Wood Street, Geddington, Geddington C of E Primary School, Wood Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 1BG
Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary controlled school	Grendon Church of England Primary School	Main Road, Grendon, Northampton, Northamptonshire	NN7 1JW
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Great Addington CofE Primary School	Woodford Road, Great Addington, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 4BS
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Havelock Infant School	Havelock Street, Desborough, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 2LU
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Havelock Junior School	Havelock Street, Desborough, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 2LU
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Henry Chichele Primary School	School Lane, Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire	NN10 8NQ

Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School	Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 8BQ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School	Scarborough Street, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 5TT
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Irthlingborough Junior School	College Street, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 5TX
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Isham Church of England Primary School	Church Street, Isham, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 1HD
Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary controlled school	Kings Cliffe Endowed Primary School	Kings Forest, Kings Cliffe, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	PE8 6XS
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Loddington CofE (VA) Primary School	Main Street, Loddington, Loddington School, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 1LA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Little Harrowden Community Primary School	School Lane, Little Harrowden, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 5BN
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Little Stanion Primary School	Roman Road, Little Stanion, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN18 8TD
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Meadowside Primary School	Park Road, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 5QY
Primary and Secondary Schools	Foundation school	Millbrook Infant School	Churchill Way, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 5BZ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Montsaye Academy	Greening Road, Rothwell, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 6BB
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Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Pytchley Endowed Church of England Primary School	High Street, Pytchley, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 1EN
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Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary aided school	Stanion Church of England (Aided) Primary School	Cardigan Road, Stanion, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 1BY
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	St Barnabas Church of England School	St Barnabas Street, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 3HB
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	St Brendan's Catholic Primary School	Beanfield Avenue, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN18 0AZ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary aided school	St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corby	Patrick Road, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN18 9NT
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Sywell Church of England Primary School	Overstone Road, Sywell, Northampton, Northamptonshire	NN6 0AW
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	The Avenue Infant School	The Avenue, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 4ET
Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary controlled school	Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School	School Lane, Titchmarsh, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 3DR
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Trinity Church of England Primary School	Main Street, Aldwincle, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 3EL
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Victoria Primary Academy	Finedon Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 4NT
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Warmington School	School Lane, Warmington, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	PE8 6TA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Whitefriars Primary School	Boughton Drive, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 9HX

Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Wilbarston Church of England Primary School	School Lane, Wilbarston, Market Harborough, Leicestershire	LE16 8QN
Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary aided school	Wilby Church of England Primary School	Church Lane, Wilby Ce Va Primary School, Church Lane, Wilby, Northamptonshire	NN8 2UG
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Woodford Church of England Primary School	High Street, Woodford, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 4HF
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Windmill Primary School	Windmill Lane, Raunds, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 6LA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Exeter A Learning Community Academy	Brayford Avenue, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN18 8DL
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Sir Christopher Hatton Academy	The Pyghtle, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 4RP
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Wrenn School	London Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 2DQ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Hall Meadow Primary School	Packer Road, Lake Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 7RP
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Gretton Primary Academy	Kirby Road, Gretton, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN17 3DB
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Oundle Church of England Primary School	Cotterstock Road, Oundle, Peterborough, Northamptonshire	PE8 5HA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Bishop Stopford School	Headlands, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 6BJ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Weldon Church of England Primary School	Chapel Road, Weldon, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN17 3HP
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Woodnewton- A Learning Community	Rowlett Road, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN17 2NU
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Studfall Infant Academy	Rowlett Road, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN17 2BP
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Kettering Park Junior Academy	Wood Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN16 9SE
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Mears Ashby Church of England Primary School	North Street, Mears Ashby, Northampton, Northamptonshire	NN6 0DW

Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	The Ferrers School	Queensway, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 8LF
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Kingswood Primary Academy	Southbrook, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN18 9BE
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Compass Primary Academy	Windmill Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 7EA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Ecton Village Primary School	West Street, Ecton, Northampton, Northamptonshire	NN6 0QF
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Great Doddington Primary	Church Lane, Great Doddington, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN29 7TR
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Newton Road School	Newton Road, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 0HH
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Kettering Park Infant Academy	Park Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN16 9RU
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	St. Marys CofE Primary School	St Mary's C of E Primary Academy, High Street, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 5RL
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	St Edward's Catholic Primary School	Eastleigh Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 6PT
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Lodge Park Academy	Shetland Way, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN17 2JH
Primary and Secondary Schools	Foundation school	Millbrook Junior School	Churchill Way, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 5DP
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Olympic Primary	Olympic Way, Wellingborough,	NN8 3QA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Ruskin Academy	Ruskin Avenue, Wellingborough,	NN8 3EG
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Warwick Academy	Dulley Avenue, Wellingborough,	NN8 2PS
Primary and Secondary Schools	Foundation school	The Latimer Arts College	Castle Way, Barton Seagrave, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 6SW
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Southfield School for Girls	Lewis Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 6HE

Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Brooke Weston Academy	Cooomb Road, Corby, Great Oakley, Northamptonshire	NN18 8LA
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	St Thomas More Catholic Primary School	St Thomas More Catholic Primary, Northampton Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 7JZ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Community school	Higham Ferrers Junior School	Saffron Road, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 8ED
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Greenfields Primary School and Nursery	Highfield Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 6HY
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Prince William School	Herne Road, Oundle, Northamptonshire	PE8 4BS
Primary and Secondary Schools	Voluntary aided school	Hayfield Cross CofE School	Hayfield Crescent, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 5FJ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Cottingham Church of England Primary School	Berryfield Road, (Near Corby), Market Harborough, Leicestershire	LE16 8XB
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Rushden Academy	Hayway, Rushden, Northamptonshire	NN10 6AG
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Irchester Community Primary School	School Lane, Irchester, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN29 7AZ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Wollaston School	Irchester Road, Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN29 7PH
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Bozeat Community Primary School	Harrold Road, Bozeat, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN29 7LP
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Priors Hall - A Learning Community	Gretton Road, Priors Hall, Priors Hall Park, Corby, Northamptonshire	NN17 5EB
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Raunds Park Infant School	Park Street, Raunds, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 6NB
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Hawthorn Community Primary School	Hawthorn Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN15 7HT
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Glaphorn Church of England Primary School	Glaphorn, Oundle, Peterborough, Northamptonshire	PE8 5BQ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Polebrook Church of England Primary School	Main Street, Polebrook, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	PE8 5LN

Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Ruskin Infant School	Ruskin Avenue, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 3EG
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy sponsor led	Our Lady's Catholic Primary School	Henshaw Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 2BE
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Redwell Primary School	Barnwell Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 5LQ
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Park Junior School, Wellingborough	Great Park Street, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire	NN8 4PH
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Huxlow Academy	Finedon Road, Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire	NN9 5TY
Primary and Secondary Schools	Free schools	Weldon Village Academy	Oundle Road, Corby	NN17 3GE
Primary and Secondary Schools	Academy converter	Thrapston Primary School	Market Road, Thrapston, Kettering, Northamptonshire	NN14 4JU

Sector	Type	Organisation or provider name	Address	Postcode
Faith	Church	Faithouse Church Northampton	International Academy, 55 Barrack Rd, Northampton	NN1 1AA
Faith	Church	Elim Church Northampton	Gladstone Rd, Northampton	NN5 7EG
Faith	Christian Church	Northampton Life Chapel	50 Victoria Rd, Northampton	NN1 5EQ
Faith	Methodist Church	Park Avenue Methodist Church	Park Avenue North Methodist Church, Northampton	NN3 2HT
Faith	Pentecostal Church	AFMIM Northampton Church (Gethsemane Assembly)	Holy Sepulchre Community Halls Church Lane, Northampton	NN1 3NL
Faith	Catholic Church	St Gregory the Great RC Church	22 Park Ave N, Northampton	NN3 2HS
Faith	Pentecostal Church	Christ Disciples Faith Ministries	1 Castle Hill, Northampton	NN1 2RT
Faith	Pentecostal Church	Faith City Church Northampton - Malayalam Pentecostal Church	Hospital, Vernon Terrace Community Centre Near, Stockley St, Northampton	NN1 5HE

Sector	Type	Organisation or provider name	Address	Postcode
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Health	Osteopath	The Northampton Clinic	70-72 Abington Ave, Northampton	NN1 4PA
Health	Blood Testing Service	The Health Hub	The 8th Earl Spencer Centre Old, Bedford Rd, Northampton	NN4 7AA
Health	Medical Centre	Kings Health Practice	166, 168 Park Ave N, Northampton	NN3 2HZ
Health	General Practitioner	Kings Health Practice	North Oval, Kings Heath, Northampton	NN5 7LN
Health	Hospital	Northampton General Hospital	Northampton	NN1 5BB
Health	Community Health Centre	St Andrew's Hospital	5 Cliftonville Rd, Northampton	NN1 5HQ
Health	Hospital	St Matthews Healthcare	Northampton	NN5 6AB

Sector	Type	Organisation or provider name	Address	Postcode
Leisure	Gym	Dallington Fitness	Dallington Fitness, Poyntz Ln, Northampton	NN5 7TZ
Leisure	Gym	Fitness4Less Northampton	1st floor, Sol Central, Mare Fair, Northampton	NN1 1SR
Leisure	Gym	PureGym Northampton Central	10 St Peter's Way, Northampton	NN1 1PS
Leisure	Leisure Centre	Trilogy Active at Mounts Baths	Upper Mounts, Northampton	NN1 3DN
Leisure	Leisure Centre	Northampton Leisure Trust	78 Robert St, Northampton	NN1 3BJ
Leisure	Gym	Trilogy Health & Fitness	Cliftonville Rd, Northampton	NN1 5BX

Sector	Type	Organisation or provider name	Address	Postcode
Community	Community Centre	Vernon Terrace Community Centre	Stockley St, Northampton	NN1 5EY
Community	Community Centre	Kingsthorpe Community Centre	Mill Ln, Kingsthorpe, Northampton	NN2 6RQ
Community	Community Centre	Duston Community Centre	Duston Community Centre, Pendle Rd, Northampton	NN5 6DT
Community	Community Centre	Northampton Community Sheds	Northampton	NN5 7AY
Community	Community Centre	Northampton Nepalese Community	3 Saxon St, Northampton	NN3 2SQ
Community	Community Centre	Abington Community Centre	Wheatfield Rd S, Northampton	NN3 2HH
Community	Community Centre	Semilong Community Centre	Norfolk Terrace, Northampton	NN2 6HS

Community	Community Centre	Kings Heath Community Centre	Northampton	NN5 7LN
Community	Community Centre	The Farmhouse	Olden Rd, Northampton	NN3 5DD

Sector	Type	Organisation or provider name	Address	Postcode
Daycare	Nursery School	Kiddi Caru Day Nursery and Preschool	473 Wellingborough Rd, Northampton	NN3 3HN
Daycare	Pre-school	Acorn Childcare UK	Bushland Rd, Northampton	NN3 2NP
Daycare	Nursery School	Kids Planet Duston	Duston Community Centre, Pendle Rd, Northampton	NN5 6DT
Daycare	Nursery School	Nene Valley Day Nursery	General Hospital Complex, Cliftonville, Northampton	NN1 5BD
Daycare	Nursery School	Little Learners Childcare	Cliftonville, Northampton	NN1 5BE
Daycare	Day Care Centre	Footsteps Daycare 2018 Ltd	St Peters House, 1 St Peter's Way, Northampton	NN1 1TP
Daycare	Nursery School	Camrose Early Years Centre for Children & Families	Tenby Rd, Northampton	NN5 7DF
Daycare	Day Care Centre	Wellington Street Day Centre	Wellington St, Northampton	NN1 3AS
Daycare	After-School Programme	Footsteps Daycare Ltd	85 Ardington Rd, Northampton	NN1 5LS
Daycare	Day Care Centre	Action for Children Spring Lane Children's Centre	Primary School, Spring Ln, Northampton	NN1 2JW

Sector	Type	Organisation or provider name	Address	Postcode
Education and Learning	Public Library	Northamptonshire Central Library	Abington St, Northampton	NN1 2BA
Education and Learning	Library	Hunsbury Library	Overslade Cl, Northampton	NN4 0RZ
Education and Learning	Library	Kettering Library	Sheep St, Kettering	NN16 0AY
Education and Learning	Library	Rushden Library		

Appendix 3.2 Emails to Stakeholders

Stakeholder email.

Dear colleague,

We are writing to seek your views on the proposed Overstone Park Primary which has been approved by the Department for Education into the 'pre-opening' phase with a proposed opening in September 2025.

Overstone Park Primary is proposed to open for up to 400 primary age children in September 2025.

This consultation period will run for six weeks from 12:00pm 13/05/24 until 12:00pm on 23/06/24.

Northampton Free Schools Trust values your opinions and thoughts, and although we are committed to following all government health advice that is currently in place, we are equally committed to ensuring that the community remains central to the new school.

As part of our consultation process, we will be hosting an online event as well as an in-person event. All are welcome to attend our events which will take place on:

- Wednesday 26th June for the virtual – Held on Teams
- Tuesday 9th July for the in-person – Wootton Park Primary

The links to both events are provided below:

In-person consultation event - [INSERT LINK]

Virtual consultation event - [INSERT LINK]

The events will be held completely free of charge, but please confirm your attendance by emailing consultation@overstoneparkprimary.org.uk

This will be an opportunity to meet members of the Trust, ask questions and share your views.

To share your views, you can also fill in our online survey - [INSERT LINK]

To find out more about the school, please visit: [Consultation - Overstone Park Primary School](#)

Please also share this notice of consultation with anybody who may be interested. We have contacted 301+ individuals, institutions, and community groups around Northampton to ensure that this consultation is as comprehensive as possible. We greatly appreciate your assistance in furthering that aim.

Regards,

Consultation event email

Dear colleague,

We recently emailed you about our consultation on the proposed Overstone Park Primary.

The Northampton Free School Trust is deeply committed to engaging with the local community, and this will be an opportunity to meet members of the Trust, ask questions and share your views. See below the following dates for our consultation events.

- Wednesday 26th June for the virtual – Held on Teams
- Tuesday 9th July for the in-person – Wootton Park Primary

The links to both events are provided below:

In-person consultation event - [INSERT LINK]

Virtual consultation event - [INSERT LINK]

Overstone Park Primary is proposed to open for up to 400 primary age children in September 2025. The consultation period runs from 12:00pm 13/05/24 until 12:00pm on 23/06/24. If you have not done it yet, we would appreciate if you shared your views with us by completing our online survey: [INSERT LINK]

To find out more about the school you can visit our website at: [Consultation - Overstone Park Primary School](#)

Please email consultation@overstoneparkprimary.org.uk should you have any questions.

Regards,

Appendix 4 Consultation Booklet

1,000 8-page consultation booklets were produced.



**OVERSTONE PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
'Ipsam quod faciendum est diutius'

Statutory Consultation for Overstone Park Primary School

PROPOSED TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 2025

Join us at one of our drop-in consultation events to find out more about the primary school, ask any questions you may have, and share your views.

Virtual event:
6.00PM – 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2024

Join Microsoft Teams online on Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome at bit.ly/4c1v8rt
or download the Microsoft Teams app.
Meeting ID 324 980 507 646 • Passcode: 2FMwrh

In-person event:
6.00PM – 7.30PM ON MONDAY 15TH JULY 2024
Wootton Park School, Wootton Hall Park,
Northampton NN4 0HZ

NORTHAMPTON
Free School Trust

CONSULTATION PERIOD
12 noon Tuesday 11th June 2024 – 12 noon Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Scan the QR Code to join the event



Welcome

The Northampton Free School Trust has been approved to establish a new primary school at the new Overstone Leys development area to the north-east of Northampton under section 6A of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (the 'free school presumption') following a successful application to West Northamptonshire Council.

The new school will alleviate the increased demand for primary school places as a result of the new housing and will provide parents and carers with additional education options.

Overstone Park Primary School is proposed to open in a flagship state-of-the-art sustainable new build situated on the east side of the A43, between Moulton and Overstone village, with 30 Reception learners from September 2025. It will grow by adding a Reception intake each year in line with housing growth and increased demand until reaching full capacity as a two-form entry with 420 learners aged 4-11 years. A non-fee paying, non-selective, non-denominational, co-educational primary free school, we will welcome pupils from all backgrounds and of all abilities.

The Northampton Free School Trust is in the process of forming a multi-academy trust (MAT) to run its family of schools. Overstone Park Primary School will be the second free school to be opened by the Trust and will be based on the highly successful model established by the Trust's Ofsted-rated 'Outstanding' all-through (4-19) Wootton Park School. This includes a rigorous, broad and balanced, knowledge-rich curriculum that has a clear purpose and is focused around excitement and love for learning, and a longer school day with a wide range of extracurricular enrichment activities. Our vision is to create an outstanding school, delivering strong academic achievement, developing strong values and promoting citizenship, community and service and to driving standards in the local area.

This Statutory Consultation creates a forum of communication between the Trust, interested parents and carers, and other stakeholders, giving them the opportunity to help shape the primary school so that it meets the needs of the Northampton community.

YOUR VIEWS AND FEEDBACK ARE VERY IMPORTANT

Please read this booklet and complete the accompanying questionnaire which can be returned by post or completed online at: overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/consultation-questionnaire

You can also scan and email the completed questionnaire or send any comments to consultation@overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk or leave us a message on 01604 931139, selecting the Overstone Park Primary School extension.

We will note your comments or call you to discuss.

The consultation period ends at 12 noon on 23rd July 2024, so we would appreciate your views and feedback by this date.

Vision and Ethos

Our vision is to create an outstanding school, delivering strong academic achievement, developing strong values and promoting citizenship, community and service, and to driving standards in the local area.

Our curriculum will promote social mobility and enhance the life chances of all learners, particularly the most disadvantaged.

Overstone Park Primary School will be a place that invests all its passion in what is good, recognising the powerful reality that what is done in the lives of our young people has to count. It will be the school of choice for parents who are proud to be ambitious, value academic success, and who want their children to achieve the fullest of their ability. Children will be thoughtful, lawful, disciplined, community-minded, respectful and embracing of diversity.

Key Principles

ATTAINMENT FOR ALL

The 'whole child' will be brought into the classroom and each child's needs met. We will offer a range of early intervention programmes to reduce the impact of negative factors in children's lives. We will offer a rigorous academic curriculum and bring genuine choice to learners. Meaningful and diverse enrichment will ensure that all children gain a breadth of opportunity to spark their engagement.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Overstone Park Primary School will engage learners' minds in the value of public service and participation, ensuring they graduate as responsible, active citizens, driven by a strong moral compass.

STRONGER SOCIETY

We will build on the Trust's heritage and grounding in public service, to develop all learners to create a stronger society through

the promotion of citizenship and community. Overstone Park Primary School will promote an understanding of what it is to be a British citizen and to build cohesive communities.

As is the case with Wootton Park School, Overstone Park Primary School will follow a strong ethos to:

- ✓ Develop learners who will help create a better society through the promotion of citizenship, community and service
- ✓ Create a rigorous, broad and ambitious, knowledge-rich academic curriculum supported by high-quality extra-curricular provision
- ✓ Grow a school at the heart of its community, helping to promote cohesion
- ✓ Provide targeted support for every child who needs it, through high-quality classroom teaching and evidence-based targeted support including tutoring
- ✓ Ensure the highest aspirations and ambitions for all.

Curriculum

LEARNING AT OVERSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Overstone Park Primary School will be a learning environment at the heart of its community. We will promote care and respect, and expect high standards in all aspects of school life. We will aim to meet the needs of young people in Northampton preparing them for adult and working life in the 21st century.

At Overstone Park Primary School we have developed a curriculum with four intentions which:

✓ Develop our learners' learning
(Our head and body: what we learn)

✓ Develop the character of our learners
(Our heart and character: Who we are when we learn)

✓ Develop behaviours and habits to become effective learners
(Our actions and attitudes: How we act when we learn)

✓ Develop the moral compass of our learners
(Our place in the community and wider world: Who we are)

In Reception, our curriculum is based on the Department for Education's Early Years Outcomes Framework, which helps teachers and parents assess progress and report on young children's growth across seven

key development areas. We will introduce basic number work and phonics with a view to all children achieving very well by the end of the year, with a good level of development. We will monitor progress regularly from Reception in reading, numeracy and phonological development, and set termly and annual milestone targets from the first year in which children join the school. This facilitates effective tracking and early intervention where needed.

Our flexible programme will develop learner skills and understanding in core subjects including English, Mathematics and Science. Our single subject approach to teaching non-core subjects, including Geography, History, Computing, Design and Technology, Art and Design, Spanish, PE, PSHE and Music extends coverage beyond the revised national curriculum and promotes consistency and progress in learning.

Due to its proximity to Wootton Park School, its 'Outstanding' rated sister school, Overstone Park Primary School will benefit from leadership support, as well as the use of subject specialists to deliver Spanish from age 4, PE and technology.

CURRICULUM: INTENT, IMPLEMENTATION & THE IMPACT

Our curriculum will be based on the established curriculum developed by Wootton Park School which has a clear purpose and is focused around excitement and love for learning. We aim to ensure that learning is bespoke to the needs of our learners and demonstrates a strong understanding of specific needs to succeed in life.

Draft Admissions Policy 2025/26

Overstone Park Primary School welcomes applications from parents of all children and our admissions process will be inclusive, open, fair and transparent, and will meet the requirements of the national School Admissions Code, the School Admission Appeals Code and related legislation.

Overstone Park Primary School plans to open with a published admission number (PAN) of 30 for entry into Reception in September 2025.

Northampton Free School Trust is the admission authority for the school and will process applications outside the normal local authority coordinated admissions process for the September 2025 intake only. This means that parents/carers will need to make a separate application for this school in addition to their other preferences of school through their local authority's common application form and may be offered two places on 16th April 2025, one from Overstone Park Primary School and one through the local authority. If the Trust has not signed a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education by that date, offers will be conditional and will be confirmed once the Funding Agreement has been signed.

If the number of applications exceeds the PAN, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school, then the oversubscription criteria below will be used to determine which applicants will be provided with a place, in the priority order shown:

1. Children who are looked after or are previously looked after. This category includes children in the care of the local authority as defined in the Children Act 1989 or children who have been previously looked after but immediately after being looked after become subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and owed to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children who have a sibling who attends the school at the date of admission. The term

'sibling' is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

3. Children of staff of the Academy who have been employed for two or more years at the time of the application or are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children who live on the Overstone Leys development.
5. After places have been allocated under the first four criteria, remaining places will be offered to other children.

If the admission number is exceeded with any criteria, priority will be given to those children who live closest to the academy. Distances are measured from the address point of the home address to the address point of the school on a straight-line basis using the Local Authority's Geographical Information System.

In the case where two applications cannot otherwise be separated, e.g. when two distances are equal, random allocation will be used to determine which child shall be given a place. The use of random allocation using a computerised randomiser will be supervised by someone independent of the Trust.

Where a child is not offered a place, parents/carers have the right to appeal to an independent appeals panel. The letter of refusal will contain details of how to go about appealing the decision, including the deadline for lodging the appeal and who to contact.

A full copy of our Draft Admissions Policy for 2025/26 can be viewed online at overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/admissions-policy/

*Details of the application process and timings will be updated on the Admissions section of our website, overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/admissions

Frequently asked questions

What is a free school?

Free schools are independent, state-funded schools. They have the same legal status as academies.

Why is a new primary school needed?

The new primary school is needed to support growing demand for high-quality primary school places as a result of the new Overstone Leys development, as identified by the West Northamptonshire Council.

When will Overstone Park Primary School open?

The school is scheduled to open in September 2025 subject to the required statutory approvals.

Where will the school be located?

The school will open at the Overstone Leys development in a flagship state-of-the-art sustainable new build located just off the A43 bypass.

Who will run the school?

Overstone Park Primary School is being established by The Northampton Free School Trust, which runs the 'Outstanding' Wootton Park School. The Trust is in the process of forming its own multi-academy trust to run its family of schools. Their experienced pre-opening team will be led by their Chief Executive and Principal of Wootton Park School, Dan Rossier, until the appointment of a Principal Designate with the additional support of West Northamptonshire Council and the Department for Education to ensure a successful opening.

Can free schools make a profit?

No. Free schools are run on a not-for-profit basis by a charitable trust. The school will be run by the Principal and their leadership team and they will be answerable to a Board of Governors.

How will the school be accountable?

The school will be run by a Local Advisory Board who will be accountable to the charitable trust which oversees the school. In addition, the school will also be accountable to the Department for Education through the terms of its Funding Agreement.

Why are you only accepting applications for Reception pupils?

The new primary school is proposed to open in September 2025 with one Reception class (30 places) and grow to reach its capacity as a two-form entry school (420 pupils), in line with increased housing growth and demand.

Are free schools selective?

No. Free schools have to follow the new admissions code in the same way as all state-funded schools.

Will a new school opening in the area mean less money for the other schools in the area?

No. Funding for free schools will be equivalent to the funding of maintained schools and academies in the same local authority area. The opening of a free school does not mean that the overall funding available in an area goes down. However, the total funding an individual school receives will depend on the number of pupils attending.

Will Overstone Park Primary School be inspected by Ofsted?

Yes. Free schools are subject to the same inspection and examination requirements as other academy category schools. The school will also be inspected by Ofsted prior to opening and will be subject to termly visits from the Department for Education during its first year.

Have you chosen a Principal for the school?

Not yet. We will be advertising nationally for a high-calibre leader to take on this opportunity. We hope to be able to appoint our Principal Designate to start in January 2025.

How can I apply for a place for my child/children?

Details of the application process and timings will be updated on the Admissions section of our website, overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk.

HOW CAN I GIVE MY VIEWS?

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Questionnaire

YOUR VIEWS AND FEEDBACK ARE VERY IMPORTANT

Please complete and return this questionnaire by 12 noon on 23rd July 2024.

1. Do you support The Northampton Free School Trust's proposal to open a primary school within the Overstone Leys development area to the north-east of Northampton to meet the need for school places in the local area?

Yes No Don't know

Please let us know your reasons _____

2. Do you understand and support Overstone Park Primary School's proposed Admissions Policy?

Yes No Don't know

Please let us know your reasons _____

3. Do you support Overstone Park Primary School's proposed curriculum?

Yes No Don't know

Please let us know your reasons _____

4. Do you agree that Overstone Park Primary School should open in September 2025, which would involve The Northampton Free School Trust entering into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education?

Yes No Don't know

Please let us know your reasons _____

5. Do you have any additional comments?

You can return the completed questionnaire in a stamped and sealed envelope to:
Overstone Park Primary School,
c/o Wootton Park School,
Wootton Hall Park,
Northampton NN4 0HZ.

You can also complete it online at:
overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/consultation-questionnaire

Complete online

You can also scan and email the completed questionnaire or send any questions or comments to:
consultation@overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk

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YOUR DETAILS

Please tick all boxes that apply to you

I am a:

Parent/carer of child(ren) due to start primary school in 2025

Parent/carer of child(ren) due to start primary school at a later period

Parent/carer of primary age child(ren)
Please specify your child(ren)'s school(s): _____

Member of staff at a local school
Please say which one: _____

Representative of a community or youth group
Please say which one: _____

Local resident

Local employee/employer/business owner

Other

Please specify: _____

I would prefer not to say

*The Model Funding Agreement for multi-academy trusts can be found online at:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-and-free-school-funding-agreements-multi-academy-trust

Questionnaire



PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE BY 12 NOON ON 23RD JULY 2024.

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overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk

info@overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk [f](https://www.facebook.com/OverstoneParkPS) [X](https://www.x.com/OverstoneParkPS) @OverstoneParkPS

Newsletter

Subscribe to our email newsletter to be kept up to date with the latest developments, news and events. You can also register an interest in a Reception place from 2025**

overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/newsletter

**Please note that registering your interest has no bearing on the admissions process.

If you would like any of the information in a different language or format, please contact us on 01604 931139, selecting the Overstone Park Primary School extension or by email at consultation@overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk

Data Protection Act 2018

Any personal data we collect from the questionnaire will be used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, any other applicable laws and the Wootton Park School GDPR Policy which is available at www.woottonparkschool.org.uk/our-school/data-protection. It may be shared with representative or partner organisations, West Northamptonshire Council and the Department for Education in order to develop plans for the proposed Overstone Park Primary School. As Data Controller, The Northampton Free School Trust will protect any personal data provided and ensure that it is not passed to anyone who is not authorised to see it. By submitting any personal information on this questionnaire, you agree that The Northampton Free School Trust may process your information in accordance with these terms.

Appendix 5 Consultation Advertisement



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OVERSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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- Welcome
- Vision and Ethos
- Curriculum
- Draft Admissions Policy 2025/26
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Questionnaire

Welcome to Overstone Park Primary School

New 4-11 primary school in north-east Northampton

PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

[Register your interest >](#)

[Read about our vision and ethos >](#)

WOOTTON PARK
Sister school to the Ofsted 'Outstanding' Wootton Park School

<https://overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/consultation/>



The screenshot shows the website for Overstone Park Primary School. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the school's name and a menu: Home, About Us, Our School, Admissions, News, Consultation, and Contact. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of children in a classroom. The main heading is "Statutory Consultation for Overstone Park Primary School". Below this, it says "Proposed to open September 2025" and "Consultation". The text explains that the Northampton Free School Trust is consulting on proposals to open a new primary school in the Overstone Leys development area. It emphasizes that "YOUR VIEWS AND FEEDBACK ARE VERY IMPORTANT" and provides a link to a consultation questionnaire. It also lists two events: a virtual event on Wednesday 26th June 2024 and an in-person event on Monday 15th July 2024. The consultation period is from 12 noon Tuesday 18th June 2024 to 12 noon Tuesday 23rd July 2024. Contact information for the school is provided at the bottom of the page.

Events

Join us at one of our drop-in consultation events to find out more about the primary school, ask any questions you may have, and share your views.

Virtual event:

6.00PM – 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2024

Join Microsoft Teams online on Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome at bit.ly/4ctv8rt or download the Microsoft Teams app.

Meeting ID 324 980 507 646

Passcode: 2FMwrh

[View the presentation](#)

Appendix 6 E-newsletter

Sent on 11.06.24 to 54 subscribers:

Have your say!

We are now formally seeking the views of the local community on our proposal to open Overstone Park Primary School at the Overstone Leys development in September 2025 as part of the statutory consultation process.

Join us at one of our drop-in consultation events to find out more about the school, ask any questions you may have, and share your views.


Virtual event:
6.00PM – 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2024

Join Microsoft Teams online on Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome at bit.ly/4c1v8rt or download the Microsoft Teams app.
Meeting ID 324 980 507 646 Passcode: 2FMwrh

In-person event:
6.00PM – 7.30PM MONDAY 15TH JULY 2024

at Wootton Park School, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 0HZ

The consultation period runs until 12 noon on Tuesday 23rd July 2024 and your views and feedback are very important.



OVERSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Statutory Consultation for Overstone Park Primary School
PROPOSED TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 2025

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CONSULTATION PERIOD
12 noon Tuesday 1st June 2024 – 12 noon Tuesday 23rd July 2024

[View the consultation pages of our website](#)

[Complete the short consultation questionnaire](#)

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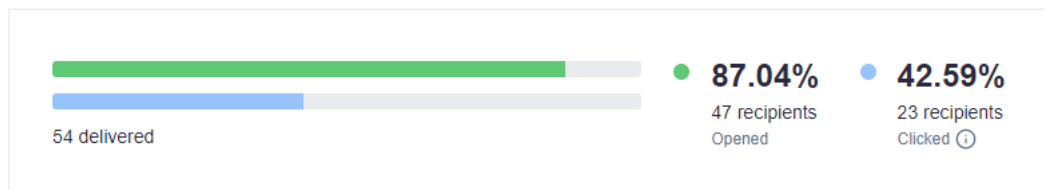
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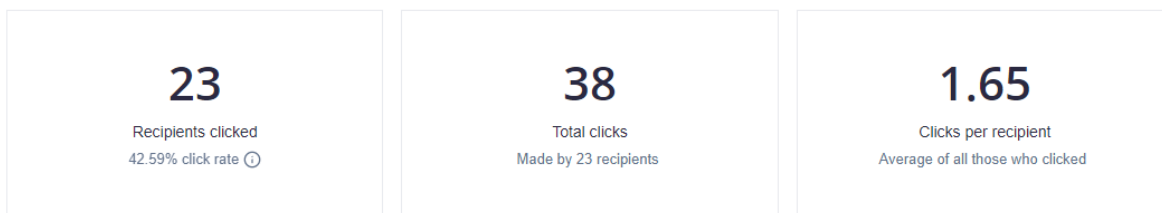
The Northampton Free School Trust Team

Engagement

[Full report](#)

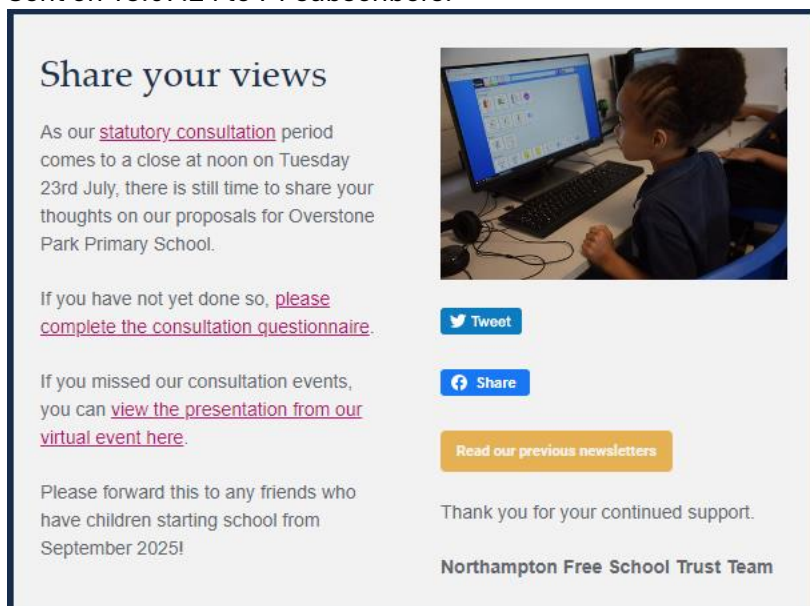


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Sent on 18.07.24 to 71 subscribers:



Share your views

As our [statutory consultation](#) period comes to a close at noon on Tuesday 23rd July, there is still time to share your thoughts on our proposals for Overstone Park Primary School.

If you have not yet done so, [please complete the consultation questionnaire](#).

If you missed our consultation events, you can [view the presentation from our virtual event here](#).

Please forward this to any friends who have children starting school from September 2025!

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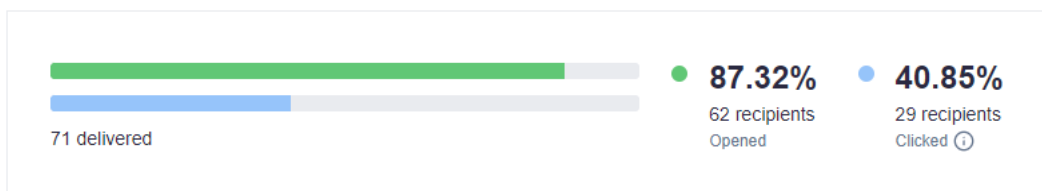
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Thank you for your continued support.

Northampton Free School Trust Team

Engagement

Full report



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https://overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/consultation-questionnaire/	2 (who)	2

Wootton Park School July Newsletter:

OVERSTONE CONSULTATION

by Mrs Lake

The Northampton Free School Trust is consulting on its proposals to open Overstone Park Primary School, within the Overstone Leys development area to the north-east of Northampton in September 2025.

Further details can be viewed here: <https://overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/consultation/>

You can send any questions or comments to consultation@overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk or leave us a message on 01604 931139, selecting the Overstone Park Primary School extension. We will note your comments or call you to discuss.

The consultation period ends at 12 noon on 23rd July 2024, so we would appreciate your views and feedback by this date.



West Northamptonshire Council 'HeadWest' 03.07.24

E-newsletter sent to all headteachers in West Northamptonshire:

HeadWest- Issue 61 - 3rd July 2024



Local Authority Messages

Wootton Park School

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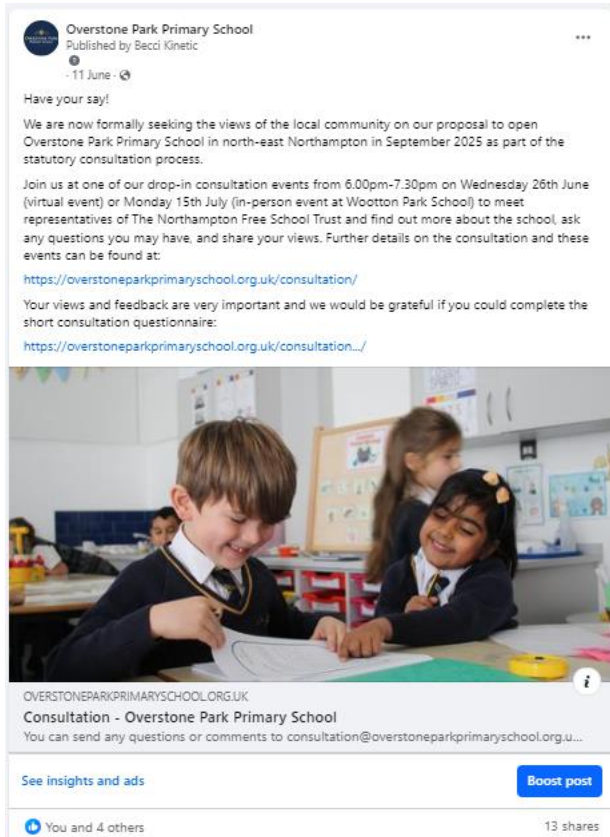
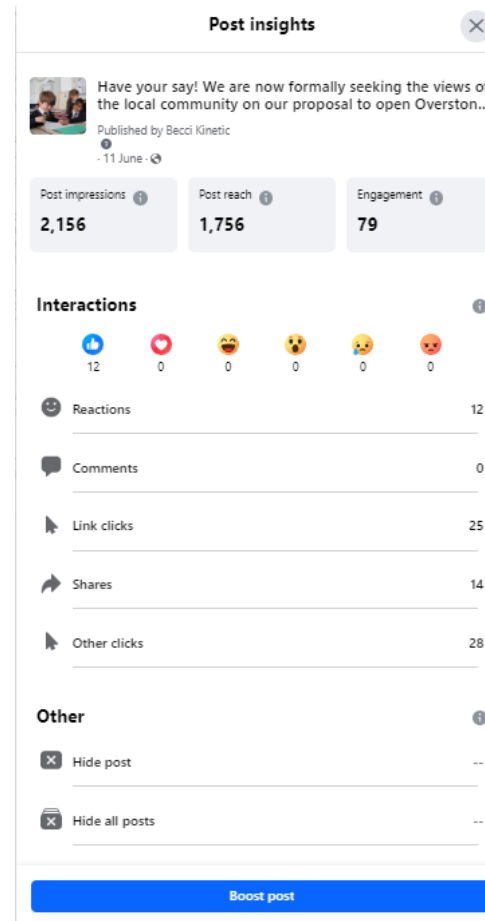
Appendix 7 Social Media Posts

Overstone Park Primary School Facebook page (316 followers)

11.06.24:

Post reach – 1,756

Engagement – 79

18.07.24:

Post reach – 707

Engagement – 51

Overstone Park Primary School
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- 18 July at 11:26 · 🌐

🗨️ Share your views

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Your views and feedback are very important so if you have not yet done so, please complete the consultation questionnaire: <http://www.overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/consultation...>

If you missed our consultation events, you can view the presentation from our virtual event here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXUK7F-t-yU>

Please share!

School Location
Northampton Free School Trust

Located at the Overstone Leys development, to the East of the A43 bypass between Moulton and Overstone villa.

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- Comments: 0
- Link clicks: 25
- Shares: 5
- Other clicks: 19

Other ⓘ

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Boost post

Drop-in event added:

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MONDAY 15 JULY 2024 FROM 18:00-19:30

Drop-in Consultation Event
Wootton Park School Northampton NN4 0HZ

About Discussion Invite Edit ...

Details

- 12 people responded
- Event by Overstone Park Primary School
- Wootton Park School Northampton NN4 0HZ
- Duration: 1 hr 30 min
- Public · Anyone on or off Facebook
- Drop-in consultation event Monday 15th July, 6.00pm - 7.30pm
- Wootton Park School, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 0HZ
- This is a chance to meet representatives of The North... See more

Northampton, Northamptonshire

Wootton Park School Northampton NN4 0HZ

Overstone Park Primary School X page

11.06.24
268 views:

Have your say!

We are now formally seeking the views of the local community on our proposal to open Overstone Park Primary School in north-east Northampton in September 2025 as part of the statutory consultation process.



2:13 PM · Jun 11, 2024 · 268 Views

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Join us at one of our drop-in consultation events from 6.00pm-7.30pm on Wednesday 26th June (virtual event) or Monday 15th July (in-person event at Wootton Park School) to meet representatives of The Northampton Free School Trust and find out more about the school,
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Facebook posts shared by Trust and other local pages:

Northampton Free School Trust (438 followers)

Northampton Free School Trust
13 June · 🌐

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Wootton Park School (2.9k followers)

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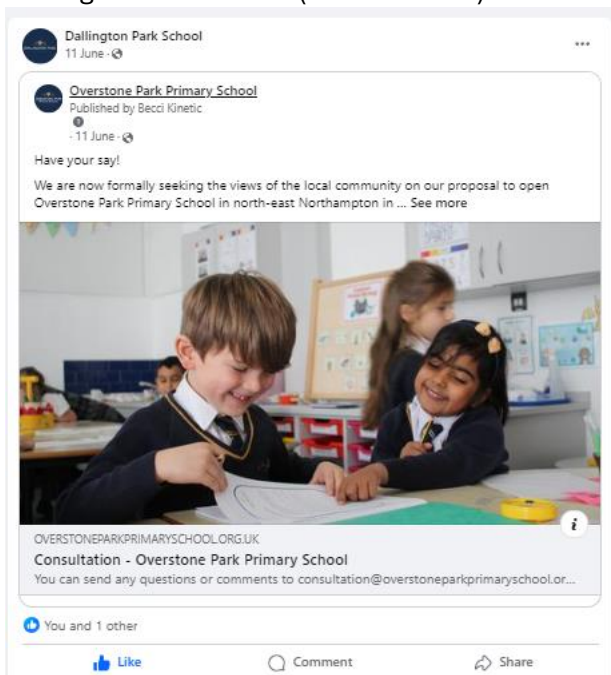
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Northamptonshire notice board

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Northamptonshire Family/Children's Events group, 13.06.24 (9.7k members):

Northamptonshire Family/Children's Events

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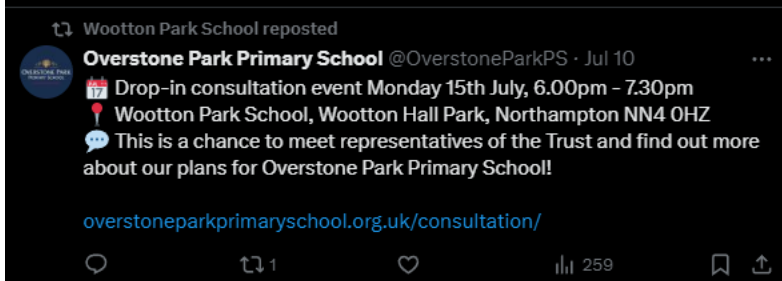
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X posts retweeted by Wootton Park School (786 followers)



Press release coverage

Northampton Chronicle & Echo (c. 26,000 copies sold), 13.06.24:

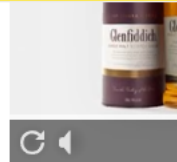


Also online, 11.06.24:

<https://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/education/new-primary-school-for-420-pupils-on-huge-housing-estate-near-northampton-takes-next-step-with-public-consultation-4661191>

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A SPECIAL GIFT FOR FATHER'S DAY.



Education

New primary school for 420 pupils on huge housing estate near Northampton takes next step with public consultation



By Carly Odell

Published 11th Jun 2024, 12:16 BST



1 Comment

A proposed new primary school for 420 pupils on a huge housing estate near Northampton has taken a step forward, as a public consultation has opened.

Overstone Park Primary School is proposed for the Overstone Leys development, [with a target opening date of September 2025](#).

The non-selective, state-funded free school will be part of the [Northampton Free School Trust](#), which runs Wootton Park School.

Today (Tuesday June 11), the trust has launched a public consultation to find out the views of interested parents, stakeholders and the community.



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Dan Rosser, chief executive of The Northampton Free School Trust and Principal of Wootton Park School, said: “This is an exciting time for the trust as we realise our ambition to build on our existing all-through free school, Wootton Park School, to create an organisation of outstanding schools in Northampton and the surrounding areas, delivering strong academic achievement, developing strong values and promoting citizenship, community and service.

“As we progress towards welcoming Overstone Park Primary School’s first reception learners next autumn, the trust is now formally consulting on its proposals to open Overstone Park Primary School in September 2025 and we welcome feedback from interested parents, carers and other stakeholders to help shape the new school so that it meets the needs of the Northampton community.”

The school is scheduled to open with 30 reception pupils in September 2025 at a new build located just off the A43 bypass. The school will grow by adding a reception intake each year until reaching full capacity as a two-form entry with 420 learners aged four to 11 years.

The consultation period runs until midday on July 23, 2024.



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There will also be two drop-in consultation events where people can find out more about the primary school, ask any questions and share your views.

A virtual drop-in event will take place on Wednesday June 26 from 6pm – 7.30pm. Join Microsoft Teams online on Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome at bit.ly/4c1v8rt. Meeting ID 324 980 507 646; Passcode: 2FMwrh

The in-person drop-in event will take place on Monday July 15 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm at Wootton Park School, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 0HZ.

Further information can be found on the **consultation pages of the school's website**. Consultees can also provide feedback by completing the **online questionnaire**, and send any comments or questions to consultation@overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk or leave a message on 01604 931139, selecting the Overstone Park Primary School extension.

The same story was published in the Northamptonshire Telegraph:

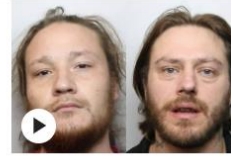
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Schoolboy, 16, repeatedly punched by teen ganag at busy Wellingborough bus stop



New primary school for 420 pupils takes next step with public consultation



Taxi driver's kidnapping ordeal ended when fellow cabbies blocked route



Corby teachers launch savage attack on trust running their school

Appendix 8 Consultation Event Presentation



Overstone Park Primary School 21 June 2023 Section 10 - Consultation Event



Welcome

Northampton Free School Trust



- Northampton Free School Trust is in the process of forming a multi-academy trust (MAT) to run its family of schools.
- Our **vision** is to create outstanding schools in Northampton, delivering strong academic achievement, developing strong values and promoting citizenship, community and service.
- Our learners are **confident, happy, and successful**.
- Our first school, Wootton Park School (all through), was opened in September 2016 and was rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2019.
- Overstone Park Primary School will be the second free school to be opened by the Trust and follow the successful model of Wootton Park.

Vision and Ethos

Northampton Free School Trust



- Our vision is to create an outstanding school, delivering strong academic achievement, developing strong values and promoting citizenship, community and service and to driving standards in the local area.
- Overstone Park Primary School will adhere to the following ethos:
 - Develop learners who will help create a better society through the promotion of citizenship, community and service;
 - Create a rigorous, broad and ambitious, knowledge-rich academic curriculum supported by high-quality extra-curricular provision;
 - Grow a school at the heart of its community, helping to promote cohesion;
 - Provide targeted support for every child who needs it, through high-quality classroom teaching and evidence-based targeted support including tutoring;
 - Ensure the highest aspirations and ambitions for all.

Teaching and Curriculum

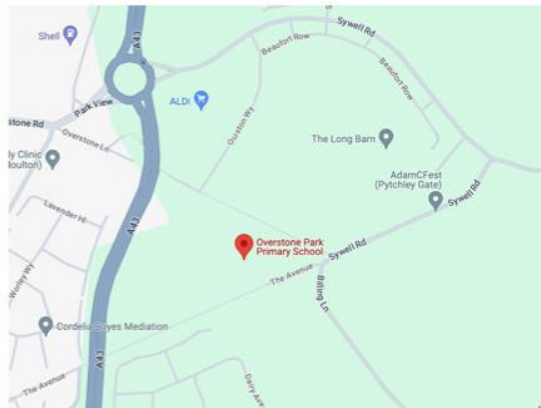
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- At Overstone Park Primary School, we will develop a curriculum which:
 - Develops **our learners' learning** (Our head and body: what we learn);
 - Develops **the character of our learners** (Our heart and character: Who we are when we learn);
 - Develops **behaviours and habits to become effective learners** (Our actions and attitudes: How we act when we learn);
 - and Develops **the moral compass of our learners** (Our place in the community and wider world: Who we are).
- Our curriculum will be based on the established curriculum developed by Wootton Park School which has a clear purpose and is focused around **excitement and love for learning**.
- We will aim to ensure that learning is bespoke to the needs of our learners and demonstrates a strong understanding about specific needs to succeed in life.

School Location

Northampton Free School Trust



Located at the Overstone Leys development,
to the East of the A43 bypass between Moulton and Overstone Village

School Design and Layout

Northampton Free School Trust



- **Flagship state-of-the-art eco build** including living wall features in every classroom, natural light & ventilation, solar panels, a green roof and a rainwater harvesting system.
- **Excellent indoor facilities** including a large main hall and studio area, library, ICT, DT and Food Technology facilities, SEN and medical rooms.
- **Wonderful outdoor facilities** featuring a covered play area and outside space for Reception learners, an amphitheatre/outdoor classroom, a trim trail, habitat areas, a multi-use games area (MUGA), and a large hard-standing playground.

How to apply for 2025/26

Northampton Free School Trust



- Overstone Park Primary School plans to open with a published admission number (PAN) of 30 for entry into Reception in September 2025.
- A **risk-free choice** - Northampton Free School Trust is the admission authority for the school and will process applications outside the normal local authority co-ordinated admissions process for the September 2025 intake only.
- Parents/carers will need to make a **separate application** for this school in addition to their other preferences of school through their local authority's common application form.
- Applicants may be offered two places on 16th April 2025.
- Applications open from September 2024, deadline for applications is 15th January 2025.
- A full copy of our Draft Admissions Policy for 2025/26 and details of the application process will be updated on the Admissions section of our website.




Q&A

More Information

- The consultation period runs until **12 noon Tuesday 23rd July 2024**.
- We will be running a second event at **6.00pm – 7.30pm on 15th July 2024** in person at Wootton Park School, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 0HZ.
- If you have not done it yet, we would appreciate if you shared your views with us by completing our [online survey](#).
- To find out more about the school, please visit our [consultation webpage](#).
- These slides can be found on our consultation webpage.

Appendix 9 Answered Consultation Emails

⌋  **Mariza Horne** <marizahorne@googlemail.com>
Meeting notes/information
To consultation@overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk

Good afternoon,

I was hoping to attend this evening, but my son is now receiving an award at school and we are attending the evening instead.

Please can you forward any notes or information from this evening please?

My main query is regarding the catchment area - please can you explain further where Overstone Leys is defined as, and if this includes Overstone Gate? Residents of Overstone Gate were always of the belief it would be our local Primary School. Residents are also of the belief that David Wilson had contributed towards the building of the school. Any Information on this would be much appreciated.

Many Thanks
Mariza Horne
07368417756
Sent from my iPhone

“Morning

Thank you for your email.

A recording of the presentation can be found here-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXUK7F-t-yU>

I will ensure your comments re the linked area are noted and shared. We are working with the Local Authority to clearly define the area in the admissions criterion. A draft LA map is attached for information too.

With best wishes

Anna Lake
Executive Assistant
Northampton Free School Trust
01604 931139”

“Good evening,

May I know if in September 2025 will be open also classes for 1st year?

Kind regards,

Mihaela”

“Morning

Thank you for your email. For September 2025, we will open with just Reception class.

For further details regarding admissions, please do visit us
here: <https://overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk/admissions/>

With best wishes

Anna Lake

Executive Assistant

Northampton Free School Trust

01604 931139”

“Good afternoon

I am hoping you can help me please. I am planning to move soon to live on a property directly behind Pytchley gates in overstone and I am trying to understand the impact of future traffic/parking on the roads near to the property due to the new primary that will be built.

Currently, both the roads near the property (as shown on inserted map arrows) are closed off to vehicles with bollards and only allow pedestrians access.

Are you please able to provide me with any information as to whether these bollards will be removed to allow vehicle access to the school?

Arrows show where the current bollards are which allow only pedestrians and in summary my question is, will these points in the future be opened up to traffic?

Photo showing current bollards preventing traffic (pedestrian access only).

I appreciate any information you can share or any traffic access planning maps you may have.

Thank you for your help in advance.

Mrs Simone Pignone”

“Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email.

To the best of my knowledge these bollards will be remaining in situ.



Kind regards

Dan Rosser

CEO & Principal

Wootton Park School

01604 931139”

  **Emily Wood** <ewood608@gmail.com>
Location query
To consultation@overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk

Good afternoon,

Could you please send a map showing the location of the proposed site?

Many thanks,

Emily

“Good morning Emily,

Thank you for your email about the location of the new primary school. The proposed area is as highlighted below. The site is located to the East of the A43 bypass between Moulton and Overstone Village.



Further information about our school can be found here: www.overstoneparkprimaryschool.org.uk

Kind regards

Dan Rosser
CEO & Principal
Wootton Park School
01604 931139"

Morning Katrina

It was nice to see you at our recent S10 event and thank you for the comments re admissions and areas.

Please find attached a map from the LA. Do the areas that you identified fall within this area?

Best wishes

Anna Lake

Executive Assistant

Wootton Park School

01604 931139

“Hi Anna,

Yes, they do. What isn't in scope are a to-be development called Overstone Green north of Overstone Gate and a further development that spans Moulton and Overstone parishes which has yet to get planning permission which will be opposite Overstone Gate. Both of these are outside of the scope of the original Overstone Leys definition.

The map will be very helpful.

It was lovely to see you last week. I'm looking forward to supporting the school as you prepare to open. Have a refreshing summer break.

Every blessing,

Katrina”.