

The Harefield Academy

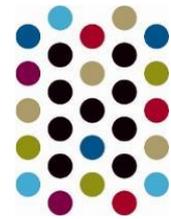
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CONSULTATION REGARDING THE HAREFIELD ACADEMY'S PROPOSAL TO REMOVE ITS BOARDING PROVISION

Further to our consultation document issued on the 19th April 2018 pertaining to the potential closure of our boarding facility from September 2019, I would like to provide feedback on this process.

We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from current and previous families who have benefited from this facility.

We were not satisfied with any of the avenues we explored for alternate use and factoring in all investigations and feedback, the Headteacher and Governors have agreed that there are more benefits to retaining this provision than losing it.

We do remain cautious around financial viability, as well as the age spread of students in such small numbers and therefore feel the most effective way forward will be to gradually tailor the provision for older year groups to offer a more bespoke service. This will allow us to concentrate on developing our Post 16 Sports offer which naturally draws students from further afield than the local community. Trends in numbers demonstrate that we are more likely to reach a viable number of boarders working with Post 16 education and sports partners. We will also be able to provide staff in appropriate ratios offering activities suited to the age group and interests of boarders given the narrower age range.

We are in the process of reporting back on our consultation to the Department for Education. We will advise them of our intention to retain the provision and our desire to narrow the age eligibility. This will be reflected in our admissions document once the process is completed and approved.

Current boarders will be able to complete their education with us regardless of the year they are currently in. Students joining Key Stage 4 or 5 in September 2018 will also be able to remain with us for the duration of their KS4 and 5 studies in line with our current admissions arrangements.

If you have any further queries please do raise these via email at the following address headteacher@theharefieldacademy.org

Yours sincerely,

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