



Lime Wood
Primary School



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Lime Wood Primary School

A Section 10 Public Consultation by
Woodland Academy Trust
for a new Primary Free School in Erith

Findings arising from the Public Consultation

23rd August 2022 to 4th October 2022



October 2022



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Executive Summary

In December 2016 the Department for Education (DfE) approved the Woodland Academy Trust's application to open a new primary free school which is situated in South-East London by the River Thames within the Erith Quarry Development. The proposed school is proposed to open in September 2023. As part of that process, the Trust is required to consult on its proposal under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010.

Consultation process

- The formal consultation process took place over a period of six weeks between 23rd August 2022 to 4th October 2022.
- 8000 leaflets were delivered to the surrounding area promoting the consultation process. The leaflet contained links to the Lime Wood Primary and Woodland Academy Trust websites where the consultation document and online questionnaire could be found. In addition to the leaflet distribution all key stakeholders and subscribers were sent the leaflet requesting their feedback.
- An email and postal address were set up to receive enquiries.
- A dedicated consultation page was set up on the Lime Wood website with full details of the consultation.

Feedback

- 17 survey online and written responses were received all from the online survey. No responses or queries were received via email.
- **The overwhelming majority of survey respondents (over 82%) stated that they were in favour of the proposed Lime Wood Primary School** to serve the area.
- The majority of survey respondents (**over 88%**) agreed with the proposed admissions arrangements.
- The overwhelming majority of survey respondents (**100%**) supported the aims and ethos of the new school.
- The overwhelming majority of survey respondents (**over 82%**) agreed that the Woodland Academy Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State to open and run Lime Wood Free Primary School.



Outcome of the consultation process and next steps

1. This report will be circulated to key stakeholders and there will be public access to this report by the end of October 2022 via the Lime Wood Primary School website and via email to the stakeholder group ([Consultation for Lime Wood Primary - Lime Wood Primary School](#)). There will be no public access to the individual responses received as they are covered by the Data Protection Act 2018.
2. This report on the findings of the consultation process will be supplemented by several other processes and will be included in the Funding Agreement submission to the DfE in October 2022. The DfE will consider the outcome of the consultation as part of the Funding Agreement sign-off process to formally approve the opening of Lime Wood Primary School.
3. Subject to DfE approval of the Funding Agreement and completion of the construction phase, there will be further opportunities for stakeholders and local residents to be involved in the programme.



Section 1

1.1 Introduction and background

Following the Department for Education's (DfE) approval of the Woodland Academy Trust's application to open a new primary school in the Erith Quarry area of Erith in September 2023, the Trust was required to consult on its proposal under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010. The consultation period ran from 23rd August 2022 to 4th October 2022, a total of approx. four term time weeks and three within the school closure period.

Lime Wood Primary School is currently in its pre-opening phase and is planned to open in September 2023. The school will open with an initial 60 place Reception intake and will then welcome children year on year until the school reaches its full capacity of 630 pupils.

1.2 Rationale for the Lime Wood Primary School

The Trust has worked in partnership with the London Borough of Bexley and the Department for Education on the development of Lime Wood Primary to meet the need of the growing local community. The Erith Quarry development when complete will provide 870 new homes.

Many external documents are available to support the housing needs, building design and landscape, school need, environment, transport, etc. These documents are available at:

<http://pa.bexley.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=NF6IESBE01D00>

1.3 Vision, ethos and curriculum

Lime Wood Primary will reflect the aspirations we have for all of our schools in the Trust. We will give your child every opportunity to develop into happy, fulfilled adults and pride ourselves on the quality of education that we can offer, striving to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children. The school will play a key part in supporting the local community.

Outdoor facilities at Lime Wood Primary will include a Forest School, an allotment and an all-weather pitch. Inside facilities will include a music/drama studio, an art/DT room, a science/food room and an IT/Library area. We are forward thinking in our digital strategy and all our children will have access to a range of IT including iPads.

At Lime Wood Primary, we aim to give all children an exciting, innovative educational experience to support them to become the best learners they can be. We know our children will leave our school ready for the next stage of learning.



We have high ambitions for all of our learners, providing equity of opportunity for all. Our aspiration is for all children to leave our Trust with a sense of belonging to a tightly knit community where they have the confidence and skills to make decisions, make connections and become self-regulated learners.

Wherever possible we look for meaningful opportunities across the curriculum for the children to make connections with their learning whilst not compromising on the knowledge they need to build upon.

We use a core text approach and provide children with contexts which are rich in local history, as well as areas of geographical interest, and as a family of schools we strongly believe that our children should be aware of this in order to develop a love for where they live. We also want them to understand how where they live fits into the wider locality, e.g. London and beyond. Each theme therefore looks at local impact, before considering regional impact, the wider UK, and where appropriate, across the world.

We are proud of the work that is taking place with our educational offer across the Trust. We have been working with Apple to develop the use of technology within our classrooms and we have been developing our continual professional learning with a focus on access to excellent resources.

Click here for a video of our Apple journey so far [Woodland Academy Trust](#)

1.4 Purpose of and process for the consultation

The consultation set out to assess local public opinion in relation to the proposed development of a new primary free school for students aged 3 - 11. The consultation comprised of a marketing campaign and quantitative research based upon:

- 106 consultation documents (See Appendix A) were issued to:
 - Local primary schools
 - Local secondary schools
 - Local nurseries and children' services
 - Local childminders
 - Local GP surgeries and medical facilities
 - Local churches
 - Local football club
 - Local libraries
 - Local Authority officers
 - Local Ward councillors
 - Local MPs



- 8,000 leaflets (See Appendix B) distributed to all households within a 3 mile radius from the proposed school site.
- Details were available on the Lime Wood Primary School website at [Consultation for Lime Wood Primary - Lime Wood Primary School](#) outlining the proposal and included links to the consultation document, online questionnaire (See Appendix C) and proposed admissions arrangements.
- The school’s website (See Appendix D) – was used to advertise the consultation arrangements.
- Consultees were able to use the info@watschools.org.uk email address for enquiries
- A postal address c/o one of the Trust schools (Knockhall Primary School) was made available to receive postal enquiries.
- Outlining of the proposed vision, ethos and curriculum offer, and proposed admissions arrangements were available on the school website [Lime Wood Primary School](#)

Section 2

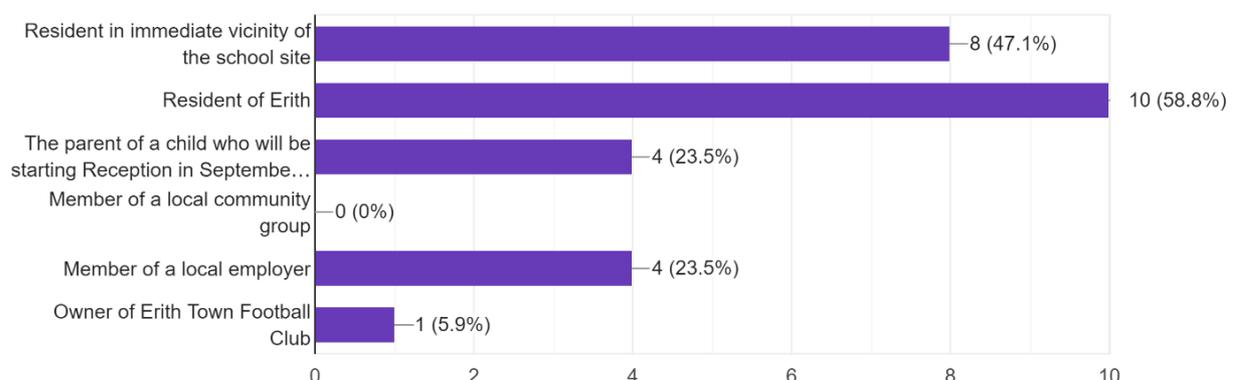
2.1 Overall analysis of responses

17 formal responses to the consultation were received. These were all received via the online questionnaire link on the brochure, leaflet and school website.

Respondents were asked to indicate their category:

It would be helpful if you would indicate which of the following apply to you:

17 responses

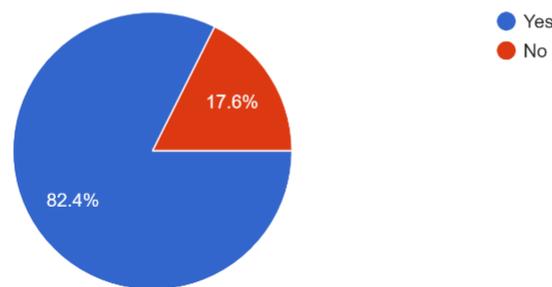


Note: Some respondents selected more than one category to identify themselves.



In response to the key question 'Do you agree that Woodland Academy Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State to open and run Lime Wood Primary School?' (This is a critical step required for the school to open)', the feedback was 82.4% in favour:

Q3. Do you agree that Woodland Academy Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State to open and run Lime Wood Primar... a critical step required for the school to open.)
17 responses



Additional comments submitted from those in favour:

- a. The Erith area is in real need of a school with modern and sustainable facilities. The 3G pitch would be a godsend.
- b. The school is necessary

Comments submitted from those NOT in favour:

- c. Not required
- d. There many unfilled places for children form 5-11 years in other local schools.

In response to above:

- The school is situated within the Erith Quarry development, which when complete in 2026 will consist of 849 homes.
- Lime Wood has been established to serve the new communities within The Quarry development in Erith and when needed additional school places within the local area.

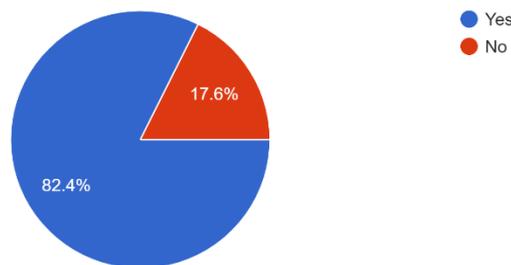


2.2 Responses to the other consultation questions

2.2.1 Are you in favour of the proposed new primary free school?

Q1. Are you in favour of the proposed new primary free school?

17 responses



Additional comments submitted from those in favour:

- a. Very close location to us; modern, new building, new facilities, high demand for school serving residents in the Quarry development.
- b. With the growing number of new residents, the area needs a new school.
- c. There are not enough school places in Bexley area to cover the new flats and houses in construction so it is needed
- d. I have a daughter that will benefit from it
- e. It's wonderful new school which will open just in time for our son to start reception
- f. Without a new school a housing development like that would overload the surrounding schools

Comments submitted from those NOT in favour:

- g. Enough schools in the area
- h. There are too many unfilled school places in the local area - do not think other places required
- i. The other local schools are not full and not filling the capacity they have available.



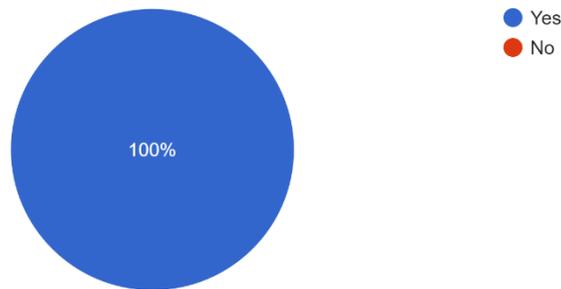
In response to 2.2.1:

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2.2.2 Do you support the aims and ethos of the new school, which we have described throughout this consultation document?

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17 responses



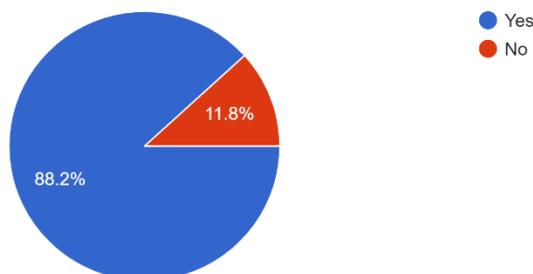
Additional Comments submitted

- a. Seems a reasonable summary

2.2.3 Do you support our proposed admissions arrangements, as outlined on the school's website?

Q4. Do you support our proposed admissions arrangements, as outlined on the school's website?

17 responses





Comments submitted from those in favour:

None

Comments submitted from those NOT in favour:

- a. It's too complicated for residents of Bexley if you're outside the LPA process
- b. I can't view the admissions arrangements

In response to the admissions related concerns above:

- The Admissions Arrangement and Application form can be found at the following link: [Admissions - Lime Wood Primary School](#)
- There is a dedicated email address for Applications and Admission queries: lwpadmissions@watschools.org.uk

2.2.4 Additional comments on the proposal outlined in this document?

- a. Please open the school, it looks fantastic, and is a brilliant opportunity to improve the education facilities for the area and benefit children.
- b. The community needs additional special school places, rather than mainstream places. As stated there many unfilled places in other local schools.

In response to the special school places concerns:

- Whilst not dedicated special school Lime Wood Primary will have significant expertise in supporting SEND children and will work with individual families to ensure every child receives an education appropriate to their needs.



Appendix A: Consultation Brochure

PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PRIMARY FREE SCHOOL IN ERITH

Consultation Document



WELCOME



Welcome to this consultation document providing information about the proposal to open Lime Wood Primary, a new free school for children aged 4-11 in the 'The Quarry' development in Erith. It will also have a nursery for 3-4 year olds on site run by an external provider.



Lime Wood Primary School is currently in its pre-opening phase and is planned to open in September 2023. The school will open with an initial 60 place Reception intake and will then welcome children year on year until the school reaches its full capacity of 630 pupils.

This consultation will enable local stakeholders to ask questions and gain a much broader overview of our proposal, raising issues of interest about the development of the new school in Erith. The school's website www.limewoodprimaryschool.co.uk will be updated on a regular basis providing you with updates about the progress of the school.

All ideas and comments gathered during this consultation process will form part of a report which will be passed on to the sponsoring Trust, Woodland Academy Trust, and the Department for Education. They will take your views into account when making decisions about the proposed new school for Erith and whether to enter into a funding agreement which will enable the school to open.

When you have read this document, please take a few moments to fill in the enclosed questionnaire, and return by post to:

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SCHOOL SITE



Location of Lime Wood Primary School
2 Sandy Road, Erith, Kent, DA8 1FJ

The Quarry, Erith development area



ABOUT LIME WOOD

We are delighted to be opening Lime Wood Primary School for the Local Erith community.

Lime Wood Primary is part of a family of schools that make up the Woodland Academy Trust. Schools within our Trust are committed to:

- Providing the highest quality learning experiences for every child every day.*
- Creating an ethical culture of empowerment and continuous growth for all.*
- Nurturing strong partnerships with our local communities and beyond.*

Lime Wood Primary has been established to serve the new communities within The Quarry development in Erith and will reflect the aspirations we have for all of our schools in the Trust.

All our schools within our Trust share the same mission; ignite the spark, reveal the champion. We are an inclusive and ambitious Trust, striving to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children. Our aim is to provide the highest quality learning experiences for every child by creating an ethical culture of empowerment and growth for all. We believe deeply in the importance of nurturing strong partnerships with our local communities and beyond.

Our Trust are committed to supporting your child to achieve socially, personally and academically, leaving our schools with belief in themselves and high aspirations for the future.

You can find out more about our Trust online at our website:
www.woodlandacademytrust.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming our new September 2023 Reception children and their families.

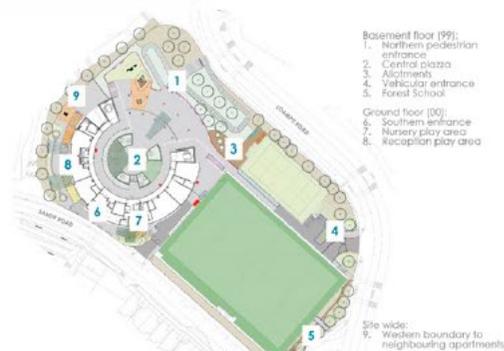


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CEO of Woodland Academy Trust





OUR EDUCATIONAL OFFER

The Woodland Academy Trust aims to provide learners with an educational experience that provides them with the skills, knowledge and character to understand and contribute to the world they live in.

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We are proud of the work that is taking place with our educational offer across the Trust. We have been working with Apple to develop the use of technology within our classrooms and we have been developing our continual professional learning with a focus on access to excellent resources.

“ Every child at Lime Wood Primary will be immersed in a high quality education that is imaginative, forward thinking and relevant to the world they will be growing up in. ”



OUR FACILITIES

The unique circular design of the school makes Lime Wood Primary School a stand-out setting for children to learn in.

Our site has outstanding inside facilities including:

- A grand entrance atrium;
- A music/drama studio;
- An art/design technology room;
- A science/food room;
- An IT/library area.

The school also has an onsite purpose-built nursery which will be run by an external provider on behalf of the school.

We also expect to be able to offer breakfast and after school provision in addition to holiday clubs.

Our site also has outstanding external facilities including:

- An all-weather pitch and a MUGA (multiuse games area).
- A Forest School which embraces The Quarry's natural habitats and biodiversity.
- Our own allotment for the children to experience.





SEND

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her. Children and young people who have SEND may also have a disability under the Equality Act 2010. Where a child or young person is covered by SEND and disability legislation, reasonable adjustments and access arrangements should be considered as part of SEND planning and review.

At Lime Wood Primary we have significant expertise in supporting SEND children and will work with individual families to ensure every child receives an education appropriate to their needs.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

We believe deeply in the importance of nurturing strong partnerships with our local communities and beyond and look forward to being part of the The Quarry, Erith community and working in partnership with parents, carers, residents and local businesses.

We care about future generations in Erith. We value our partnerships and by working with and listening to our community, we will deliver an education to our children that will create life-long learners.

SCHOOL TIMES

Lime Wood Primary School Start and end times

Morning Session 8.50- 12.20
Afternoon Session 1.20-3.30

ADMISSIONS

Please visit our website www.limewoodprimaryschool.co.uk for further information on admissions including Lime Wood's Admissions Policy.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We encourage you to come along to one of our information events so that you can hear more about our plans, meet our project team involved in the pre-opening of Lime Wood Primary, ask questions and make suggestions. The dates for these sessions will be posted on the school's website.

Please take a few moments to fill in the enclosed questionnaire, and return by post to:

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Or you can complete the questionnaire online via this link: <https://forms.gle/oPpW5H1SQUUJ327h8A>

The deadline for submitting the questionnaire response is Tuesday 4th October 2022.



You can download this consultation document and questionnaire online at <https://www.limewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/key-information/>





CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the questionnaire and return it by **Tuesday 4th October 2022** either by email to info@watschools.org.uk or by posting to:

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Do you have a child that might attend the new school? YES / NO

| QUESTION | ANSWER | COMMENT / REASON FOR YOUR VIEW |
|---|----------|--------------------------------|
| Are you in favour of the proposed new primary free school? | YES / NO | |
| Do you support the aims and ethos of the new school, which we have described throughout this consultation document? | YES / NO | |
| Do you agree that Woodland Academy Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State to open and run Lime Wood Primary School? (This is a critical step required for the school to open.) | YES / NO | |
| Do you support our proposed admissions arrangements, as outlined on the school's website? | YES / NO | |
| Additional comments on the proposal outlined in this document. | | |

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE CONT.

| QUESTION | ANSWER | COMMENT / REASON FOR YOUR VIEW |
|--|--------|---|
| It would be helpful if you would indicate which of the following apply to you: | | Resident in immediate vicinity of the school site <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Resident of Erith <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | The parent of a child who will be starting Reception in September 2023 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Member of a local community group <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Member of a local employer <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please fill in your name and email address* if you would like to be updated when there is important news about the school. (* We will only collect and store your details for the objective of sharing progress updates with you about the new school.)



Appendix B: Consultation flyer

Proposal for a new free school in Erith



Lime Wood Primary School

Part of the Woodland Academy Trust

We would like to notify you of the proposal to open Lime Wood Primary School, a new free school for children aged 4-11, located in The Quarry development in Erith. It will also have a nursery on site for 3-4 year olds run by an external provider.

A consultation is being held to enable local stakeholders to ask questions and gain a much broader overview of our proposal, raising issues of interest about the development of the new school in Erith.

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All details about this proposal can be found in our consultation document on our website www.limewoodprimaryschool.co.uk which we would kindly request that you read. When you have read this document, please take a few moments to fill in the related questionnaire.



To view the consultation document and questionnaire, please visit the website: www.limewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/key-information/

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Appendix C: Online Questionnaire

Consultation Questionnaire

This questionnaire is about the proposal for a new primary free school in Erith- Lime Wood Primary School. The consultation will run from Tuesday 23rd August 2022 until Tuesday 4th October 2022.

Do you have a child that might attend the new school? *

Yes

No

Q1. Are you in favour of the proposed new primary free school? *

Yes

No

Comment/Reason for your view for question 1.

Your answer

Q2. Do you support the aims and ethos of the new school, which we have described throughout this consultation document? *

Yes

No

Comment/Reason for your view for question 2.

Your answer

Q3. Do you agree that Woodland Academy Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State to open and run Lime Wood Primary School? (This is a critical step required for the school to open.) *

Yes

No



Comment/Reason for your view for question 3.

Your answer

Q4. Do you support our proposed admissions arrangements, as outlined on the school's website? *

Yes

No

Comment/Reason for your view for question 4.

Your answer

Additional comments on the proposal outlined in this document.

Your answer

It would be helpful if you would indicate which of the following apply to you: *

Resident in immediate vicinity of the school site

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The parent of a child who will be starting Reception in September 2023

Member of a local community group

Member of a local employer

Other:

Please fill in your name and email address* if you would like to be updated when there is important news about the school. (* We will only collect and store your details for the objective of sharing progress updates with you about the new school.)

Your answer

Submit

Clear form



Appendix D: Lime Wood's website page

Lime Wood Primary School HOME OUR SCHOOL OUR COMMUNITY KEY INFORMATION VIRTUAL OFFICE & ADMISSIONS CONTACT US

Consultation for Lime Wood Primary

A consultation is being held to enable local stakeholders to ask questions and gain a much broader overview of our proposal to open Lime Wood Primary, a new free school for children aged 4-11, raising issues of interest about the development of the new school in Erith.

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All details about this proposal can be found in our consultation document attached below which we would kindly request that you read. When you have read this document, please take a few moments to fill in the related questionnaire which can be completed and returned either by post, email or if your prefer can be completed online via this link: <https://forms.gle/oPpW5H1SQUU327h8A>

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To view the Consultation document, click here:

[Lime-Wood-Primary-Consultation.pdf](#)

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[Lime-Wood-Primary-Consultation-Questionnaire.docx](#)

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