

# PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PRIMARY FREE SCHOOL IN ERITH

## Consultation Document



**Woodland  
Academy Trust**

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## WELCOME

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*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.*

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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](http://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:

Mrs D Sydee- Executive Officer  
Knockhall Primary School  
Eynsford Road  
Greenhithe  
DA9 9RF

If you prefer, you can download the consultation document and questionnaire online at [www.limewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/key-information/](http://www.limewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/key-information/) and email your completed questionnaire to: [info@watschools.org.uk](mailto:info@watschools.org.uk)

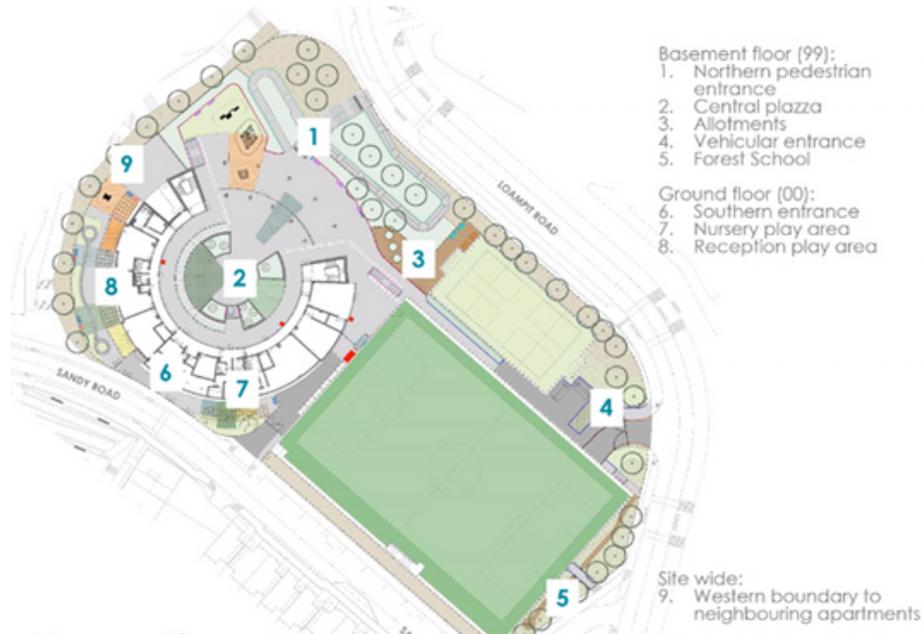
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<https://forms.gle/oPpW5H1SQUU327h8A>



The consultation period will run from Tuesday 23rd August 2022 until Tuesday 4th October 2022.

# SCHOOL SITE



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

□ The Quarry, Erith development area



## ABOUT LIME WOOD

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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](http://www.woodlandacademytrust.co.uk)

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



Nav Sanghara  
CEO of Woodland Academy Trust



## OUR EDUCATIONAL OFFER

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**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.**

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.

“ *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

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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

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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

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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

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### **Lime Wood Primary School** **Start and end times**

Morning Session 8.50- 12.20

Afternoon Session 1.20-3.30

## ADMISSIONS

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Please visit our website [www.limewoodprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.limewoodprimaryschool.co.uk) for further information on admissions including Lime Wood's Admissions Policy.



## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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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.

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



You can download this consultation document and questionnaire online at  
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## CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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

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

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.)





# Woodland Academy Trust

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